

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE



ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH EDITION

JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2005

FISCAL YEAR 2005

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GENERAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Town of Hopedale - Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION (6/30/05):	5873
REGISTERED VOTERS:	3830
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	Second Tuesday in April
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:	Second Tuesday in May
AREA:	5.12 square miles



Editor's Notes:

Thank you to the officials who submitted reports for this edition.

The Town website that can be viewed at

www.hopedale-ma.gov

**TOWN OF HOPEDALE
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

GENERAL OFFICE:

Town Hall	634-2203
78 Hopedale Street	634-2204
P.O. Box 7	634-2205
Board of Selectmen	ext. 210
Town Coordinator	ext. 213
Town Accountant	ext. 219
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	ext. 218
Water/Sewer Department	ext. 217
Board of Assessors	ext. 224
Town Clerk	ext. 215

Highway Department	634-2203
7 Depot Street	ext. 221

Council on Aging	634-2208
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Bancroft Library	634-2209
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Police Department	634-2227
Police Emergency	911

Fire Department	473-1050
Fire/Medical Emergency	911

Waste Water Treatment Plant	634-2210
154 Mendon Street	

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Memorial School – 54 Adin Street	634-2214
Junior/Senior High School – 25 Adin Street	
Superintendent's Office	634-2220
Principal's Office	634-2217
Guidance Office	634-2221
Pupil Personnel Services	634-2240

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE
ELECTED OFFICIALS

Blackstone Valley Vocational High School Committee	Robert Metcalf	2006
Board of Selectmen	Michael Collins	2006
	Alan Ryan	2007
	Louis Arcudi III	2008
Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso	2007
Board of Health	Peter Mitchell	2006
	Elizabeth "Betsy" Sales	2007
	Robert Moro	2008
Housing Authority	Louis Trevani	2006
	Edith Francis	2007
	Robert "Zeke" Hammond	2008
	Paula Malloy	2009
	Karen Villani	2010
Library Trustees	Kathy Wright	2006
	Frederick Oldfield, III	2007
	Nancy Verdolino	2008
Moderator	Francis J. Larkin	2006
Park Commission	Meg McElroy	2006
	Richard Espanet	2007
	Susan Kincaid	2008
Planning Board	Catherine Pisacane	2006
	D. Craig Travers	2007
	Donna Hayres	2008
	Carol Whyte	2009
	Howard Maurer	2010
Road Commission	William Marquis	2006
	Donald Fafard	2007
	John Farrar, Jr.	2008
School Committee*	Liz Lerner	2006
	Lori Hampsch	2006
	Richard Martin	2007
	Justine Tonelli	2007
	Susan Palmer-Howes	2008
Tree Warden	Leo F. Lyons	2008
Water & Sewer Commission*	Aldo Tarca	2006
	Robert Bird	2007
	James Morin	2008

* Richard Mank resigned from the School Committee on Nov. 8, 2004.

* Eugene Phillips resigned from the Water & Sewer Commission on Feb. 4, 2005.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
APPOINTED OFFICIALS FY2005

*Chairperson

		<u>Term Ends</u>
ADA Coordinator	Eugene Phillips	2005
Animal Inspector	Leon Mael	2005
Bancroft Memorial Library Director	Merrily Sparling	contract
Board of Assessors	Lisa Alberto*	2006
	Teresa Gonsalves	2005
	Eugene Phillips	2007
Board of Registrars	Joseph Drugan	2007
	Dorothy Milanoski*	2006
	Robert "Zeke" Hammond	2005
Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement	Michael Tusino	2005
Capital Program Committee	Colleen Strapponi (F)	2005
	Edward Burt	2005
	Karla Hopkins (F)	2004
Cemetery Committee	Roberta Simmons	2005
Central Mass. Reg. Planning	Alan Ryan	2005
Committee on Disabilities	Peter Ellis, Jr.	
	Margaret Flynn	
Conservation Commission	Jennifer Carlino*	2005
	Curtis Clark	2006
	Roy Nutting	2007
	_____	2008
	_____	2009
Constables	John Gagnon	2007
	James Gardner	2007
	Richard Mank	2007
	Donald Martin	2007
	Francis McVeigh	2007
Council on Aging	Barbara Delphos	2005
	Julia Manning	2005

	Virginia Potty	2005
	Claudette Hughes	2006
	Nancilee Fuller	2007
	Edward Holland	2007
	Patricia Johnson	2007
Council on Aging Director	Carole Mullen	
Cultural Council	Dorothy Susanska*	2005
	Sally Decelles	2007
	Patty Samalis	2007
	Joanne Andreotti	2008
	Ellen Murphy	2009
	Kate Nolan-Pisacane	2009
Dog Officer	Michael Izzo	2005
Finance Committee	Karla Hopkins	2007
	Mary Ann Roche	2006
	Donald Comastra	2005
	James Carroll*	2005
	Colleen Strapponi	2005
		2008
Fire Chief & Local Emergency Management	Scott Garland	contract
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	John Fontana	2005
Health Agent	Lenny Izzo	
Highway Superintendent	Robert DePonte	
Historical Commission	Merrily Sparling*	2007
	Frederick Oldfield III	2007
	Robert "Zeke" Hammond	2006
	Alan Ryan	2006
	Robert Brown	2005
	William Gannett	2005
	Tara Taglianetti-Chambers	2005
	William Hardiman	2005
	Judith Phillips	2005
Historical Documents	Robert "Zeke" Hammond	
	Frederick Oldfield III	
	Merrily Sparling	

Housing Authority Director	Katherine Consigli	contract
Hous. Auth. State Appt.	Edith Francis	2005
Parking Fines Clerk	Donna Lamphere	2005
Personnel Committee	Albert C. Gray Dennis J. Madigan Meg McElroy John S. Moore Harold Murphy Catherine Pisacane*	
Police Chief	Eugene Costanza	contract
Red Shop Committee	Robert Brown William Gannett Merrily Sparling	
School Superintendent	Dr. Patricia Ruane	contract
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Barbara Walls	
Town Accountant	Sharon Emerick/Linda Catanzariti	
Town Coordinator	Stephen Lombard/Eugene Phillips	
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige	
Veterans Agent	Anthony Mastroianni	
Water Superintendent	Timothy Watson	
WWTP Superintendent	Donald Cooper	
Wiring Inspector	Joseph Scanzaroli	
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thomas Haynes*	2005
	Louis Arcudi III	2005
	Steven Gallagher	2006
	Ross Mazzarelli	2006
	Timothy Alger	2007
	Andrew L. Jacaruso, Alt.	2005

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

Worcester, SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

Precinct 1
Draper Gym, 13 Dutcher Street

on TUESDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
COUNCILLOR
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
SHERIFF

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of September, 2004, Board of Selectmen:

Michael Milanoski, Chairman
Michael E. Collins
Alan J. Ryan

A true copy, attest: Janet Orff Jacaruso, Town Clerk

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby

Donald Martin, Constable

September 7, 2004



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Town Clerk
Notary Public
Janet Orff Jacaruso

Town of Hopedale Election Results **September 14, 2004 State Primary**

Representative in Congress – Second District

Richard E. Neal (D)	305
Mark J. Carron (D)	0
All Others(D)	2
Blanks(D)	59

David M. Singer (R)	0
Blanks(R)	63

Councilor – Seventh District

Dennis P. McManus(D)	154
Kathleen C. Norbut(D)	68
William A. Trotta(D)	62
Blanks(D)	82

Senator in General Court – Worcester & Norfolk District

Richard T. Moore(D)	311
Blanks(D)	55

Jerzy J. Jachimczyk(R)	50
Blanks(R)	13

Representative in General Court – Tenth Worcester District

Marie J. Parente(D)	296
All Others(D)	1
Blanks(D)	69

Sheriff – Worcester County

John M. Flynn(D)	106
Guy W. Glodis(D)	254
All Others(D)	1
Blanks(D)	5

William J. McCarthy(R)	46
Guy W. Glodis	11
Blanks(R)	6

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

Worcester, SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at

Draper Gymnasium, 13 Dutcher Street

on **TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2004**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT . . .	STATEWIDE
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.	TENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
SHERIFF	WORCESTER COUNTY

The ballot will also contain a non-binding question regarding medicinal use of marijuana.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 18 day of October, 2004.

Mike Milanoski, Selectman

Michael Collins, Selectman

Alan Ryan, Selectman

A TRUE COPY, Attest: Janet Jacaruso, Town Clerk

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby

John Gagnon, Constable October 22, 2004



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Town Clerk

Janet Orff Jacaruso

November 2004

Town of Hopedale Election Results November 2, 2004 State Election

Electors of President & Vice President

Badnarik and Campagna	(Libertarian)	20
Bush and Cheney	(Republican)	1379
Cobb and LaMarche	(Green-Rainbow)	15
Kerry and Edwards	(Democrat)	1829
Nader and Camejo	(Unenrolled)	5
All Others		3
Blanks		30

Representative in Congress: Second District

Richard E. Neal	(Democrat)	2310
All Others		24
Blanks		947

Councillor: Seventh District

Dennis P. McManus	(Democrat)	2160
All Others		10
Blanks		1111

Senator in General Court: Worcester & Norfolk District

Richard T. Moore	(Democrat)	2238
Jerzy J. Jachimczyk	(Republican)	792
All Others		0
Blanks		251

Sheriff: Worcester County

Guy William Glodis	(Democrat)	2003
William J. McCarthy	(Republican)	851
Frank Beshai	(Unenrolled)	147
All Others		1
Blanks		279

Representative in General Court: Tenth Worcester District

Marie J. Parente	(Democrat)	2473
All Others		15
Blanks		793

Ballot Question – Marijuana Personal Medical Use

Yes	2071
No	920
Blank	290

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR LOCAL ELECTION

SS. Worcester

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Town of Hopedale, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Local Election to vote at:

George A. Draper Gymnasium
13 Dutcher Street

on TUESDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF MAY, 2005, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Local Election for the candidates for the following offices:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 Year Term
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 Year Term
HOUSING AUTHORITY	5 Year Term
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 Year Term
PARK COMMISSION	3 Year Term
PLANNING BOARD	5 Year Term
ROAD COMMISSION	3 Year Term
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 Year Term
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	1 Year Term
TREE WARDEN	3 Year Term
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION	3 Year Term
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION	2 Year Term

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 4th day of April, 2005.

Chair Mike Milanoski, Selectman

Michael Collins, Selectman

Alan Ryan, Selectman

This notice shall be posted as required by Town bylaws in three places in the Town of Hopedale: Town Hall, Police Station Lobby and the Post Office Lobby.

Return of Service:

Constable _____, 2005.

A true copy, attest: _____
Town Clerk

Annual Town Election
May 10, 2005

Board of Health (3 Years)

*Robert M. Moro	425
Blanks	96

Housing Authority (5 Years)

*Karen L. Villani	423
Blanks	98

Library Trustee (3 Years)

*Nancy K. Verdolino	434
.Blanks	84
Write-ins	3

Park Commissioner (3 Years)

Richard Breese Jr	215
*Susan L. Kincaid	254
Blanks	45
Write-ins	7

Planning Board (5 Years)

[NO CANDIDATE ON BALLOT]

Blanks	436
*Howard Maurer	75
Other Write-ins	10

Road Commissioner (3 Years)

*John E. Farrar Jr.	408
Blanks	112
Write-ins	1

School Committee (3 Years)

*Susan Palmer-Howes	403
Blanks	118

School Committee (1 Year)

*Lori Hampsch	318
Louis J. Trevani	191
Blanks	12

Selectman (3 Years)

*Louis J. Arcudi III	420
Blanks	101

Tree Warden (3 Years)

*Leo F. Lyons	272
David H. Sawyer	203
Blanks	46

Water & Sewer Comm. (3 Yrs.)

*James M. Morin	427
Blanks	93
Write-in	1

Water & Sewer Comm. (2 Yrs.)

*Robert H. Bird	411
Blanks	110

* denotes winner

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, July 20th, 2004 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, July 20th, 2004, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, or borrow the sum of \$117,650.61 for FY2004 bills for soil contamination remediation at the Hopedale Fire Station, or take any other action related thereto. (NOTE: This article requires a 9/10th majority vote to pass)

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$12,450 to fund a Phase I Site Assessment study and report on remaining soil contamination at the Hopedale Fire Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury or borrow the sum of \$175,000 for cost overruns associated with the renovation and addition to the Hopedale Fire Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of July 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins

Michael A. Milanoski
Chairman

Alan J. Ryan

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable

Date

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TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2004

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Junior-Senior High School at 7:00 PM. At 7:15 PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin called the meeting to order and declared a quorum (50) present. The meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated July 6, 2004. The Moderator led those in attendance in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

Motion seconded and voted unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

Article 1: Selectman Alan J. Ryan moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$117,651.00 for FY2004 bills for soil contamination remediation at the Hopedale Fire Station, and further to meet such appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$117,651.00 in accordance with Sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 44 and Chapter 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town to apply for any grants or loans available for said purpose and to enter into any agreements, grant any restrictions, and take all related actions necessary therefore.

Motion seconded and voted unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

Article 2: Selectman Alan J. Ryan moved to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation the sum of \$12,450.00 to fund a Phase I Site Assessment study and report on remaining soil contamination at the Hopedale Fire Station.

Motion seconded. A vote was taken and the ayes have it as declared by the Moderator.

Article 3: Selectman Alan J. Ryan moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$175,000.00 for cost overruns associated with the renovation and addition to the Hopedale Fire Station, and further to meet such appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$175,000.00 in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town to apply for any grants or loans available for the project and to enter into any agreements, grant any restrictions, and take all related actions necessary therefore.

Motion seconded and voted unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

Motion to dissolve Special Town Meeting. Seconded and voted unanimously as declared by the Moderator at 7:28 PM.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to approve the monetary items in an agreement between the Town of Hopedale and M.L.D.C. Union Local 1116 Public Employees—Department Heads and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of maney to defray the cost of said agreement for the period July 1, 2003 through a term to be determined, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hopedale Code Section 137-27 Sick Leave by deleting Section A and inserting a new Section A as follows:

A. Sick leave shall be accumulated at the rate of one and one-quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) days For every month in which they receive compensation at the employee's then-Current rate of pay. Sick leave shall be used for illness or injury. An employee Shall be credited with the unused portion of sick leave up to a maximum of 120 Days if fulltime.

(1) The maximum of 120 days shall be prorated based upon the following Ratio:

<u>Number of hours worked by an employee each week</u>	X	120 days
37.5 hours		

(2) Employees that regularly work between 20 and 37.5 hours per week shall Receive their max accumulation according to the formula. Example: a thirty-hour-per-week employee would be eligible to accumulate 30 divided by 37.5 times 120 equals 96 days' sick leave. Employees that are regularly scheduled for more than 37.5 hours per week shall not be eligible for any additional max sick leave accumulation.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copeis thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town nor less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 29th day of November, 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael A. Milanoski	Michael E. Collins	Alan J. Ryan
Chairman		

A True Copy, ATTEST: Janet Orff Jacaruso, Town Clerk

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby,

Constable

Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

At 7:10 PM Moderator Francis Larkin thanked the residents in attendance for participating in this meeting during such a busy time. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judge Larkin. A motion to extend privileges of the floor to the following non-residents was made, seconded and carried: Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Fire Chief Scott Garland, Interim Town Coordinator Steve Lombard, Water Superintendent Tim Watson, Treasurer Barbara Walls, School Accountant Kathy Perry, James Byrne of the EPA, EPA Contractor Barbara Weir and EMS Director Mark Bucchino.

At 7:15 PM the Moderator declares a quorum (50) is present and declares the Special Town Meeting open. Assessor and Hopedale resident Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

ARTICLE 1: Selectman Mike Milanoski moved that the Town vote to transfer from the stabilization fund the sum of \$3,500.00, transfer from the water enterprise fund the sum of \$4,100, transfer from the sewer enterprise fund \$3,600.00 for a total of \$11,200.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and M.L.D.C. Union Local 1116 – Public Employees – Department Heads. (Explanation: 3% increase for 3 department heads – water, sewer & highway, total FY'04 cost \$4,700.00. New 30 year step plan for FY'05 – average increase over FY'04 is 4%, estimated cost to be \$6,500.00. Year three of the contract has a wage reopener and a requirement for a satisfactory performance review prior to receiving a step increase) **The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.**

ARTICLE 2: Selectman Mike Milanoski moved that the Town vote to confirm the funding and approve the monetary items for the first year of a three year collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Mass. Coalition of Police, Public Safety Dispatchers Local 164A. (Explanation: 3% increase for 4 fulltime dispatchers for the first year – cost \$5,005.00 plus shift differential and clothing allowance for a first year total of \$5,497.00. Estimated total cost second year: \$3,525.00. Estimated total cost third year: \$6,698.00) **The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.**

ARTICLE 3: Selectman Mike Milanoski moved to pass over this article. Motion to pass over was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 4: Selectman Mike Milanoski moved that the Town will vote to

transfer from the stabilization fund the sum of \$8,500.00 to supplement line item 01-123-5110 Salaries and Wages of the Manager/Coordinator FY2005 budget voted at the Annual Town Meeting of June, 2004. (Explanation: This request is to replace monies paid from the Salary Account of the Town Coordinator budget to the Interim Town Coordinator. Comments: Resident Rich Martin questioned the impact on the stabilization fund. Finance Committee Chairman Jim Carroll replied by saying the Finance Committee intends to replace funds taken from the stabilization fund. This would be addressed at the April Annual Town Meeting.) **The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.**

A presentation regarding the Field Search Project of the Parks Department was made by Park Commissioner Chairman Rick Espanet.

ARTICLE 5: Selectman Alan Ryan moved that the Town vote transfer from the stabilization fund the sum of \$8,040.00 to supplement the Town Accountant FY05 budget, line item 01-135-5110 Salaries and Wages voted at the Annual Town Meeting of June, 2004. (Explanation: This request is made to increase the salary of a new Town Accountant anticipated to be hired to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sharon Emerick). **The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.**

ARTICLE 6: Selectman Alan Ryan moved that the Town transfer the sum of \$139,000.00 from the appropriation made under Article 6 of the June 24, 2003 Special Town to supplement a grant received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Preservation of Historic Properties Account for the restoration of the Red Shop. (Explanation: Several weeks ago the Town received a \$100,000.00 grant from the Mass. Preservation Historic Account. This request is to transfer the sum of \$139,000.00 that was appropriated earlier for the purpose of restoring the Red Shop. This article is needed because Article 6 of the June 23, 2003 Annual Town Meeting identified a different grant source. This action will authorize the use of that money to supplement the new grant. Historical Commission Chairperson Merrily Sparling spoke of the \$333,500.00 total cost estimate as of June 2004 to renovate the Red Shop which contains \$27,000.00 for contingencies and \$13,500.00 for inflation. The Friends of the Red Shop have raised \$45,000. Another grant for \$30,000 has been applied for as well.) **The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.**

ARTICLE 7: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article. Motion to pass over was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 8: Water & Sewer Commissioner Dr. James Morin moved that the Town vote, pursuant to Town Bylaw Chapter 355 - Water and Sewers, Services Outside Town, to authorize the Water & Sewer Commissioners to enter into an

intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Mendon, to supply water on a temporary basis to the south end of the Town of Mendon. Motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 9: Water & Sewer Commissioner Dr. James Morin moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$14,000.00 from the Water Enterprise Account to the Professional & Technical line item for the engineering costs for the purpose of replacing the water lines in Bancroft Park, Hope and Cemetery Streets. Motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 10: Selectman Michael Collins moved that the Town vote to transfer from the stabilization fund the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase ten (10) Self-contained breathing apparatus bottles for the Fire Department to replace ten (10) outdated SCBA bottles no longer use. (FinCom gave a favorable recommendation due to safety issues.) Motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 11: Selectman Michael Collins moved that the Town vote to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts fund the sum of \$20,000.00 to purchase and install a 75 KVA generator for the newly renovated Fire Station. Motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 12: Selectman Michael Collins moved that the Town vote to transfer from the stabilization fund the sum of \$22,500.00 as the Town of Hopedale's share of a grant received from the FY04 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Department of Homeland Security and the Office for Domestic Preparedness to purchase and equip a tanker truck for the Fire Department. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 13: Superintendent Dr. Patricia Ruane moved that the Town vote to accept the proviso contained in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 3, providing that any balance remaining in an account kept separate and apart from other Town funds in the Town Treasury, pursuant to said Chapter 40, Section 3, for monies received from the rental or lease of any school building or of surplus space in a school building, shall remain in said account and may be expended for the upkeep and maintenance of any facility under the control of the school committee. (Dr. Ruane spoke of this as a "status quo arrangement" with funds used to pay for the annual Draper Gym rental.) Motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14: Planning Board Chairman Craig Travers moved that the Town vote to amend its Zoning By-law by deleting the current Section 2.29A and replacing it with the following language from the handout:

“2.29A Lot Shape Factor/Residential Districts: To meet the minimum area requirements in Residential Districts, a lot must be a closed plot of land having a definite area and perimeter and having a Lot Shape Factor not exceeding the numerical value of 22 in the RA, RA-1, RA-2, RB, RP-1 and RC Districts, and such lots shall not be created to a depth greater than two (2) lots from the principal way. The Lot Shape Factor shall be the numerical value resulting from: (a) division of the square of the perimeter in feet of a lot by the area in square feet thereof; or (b) division of the square of the perimeter in feet of that portion of a lot intended as the site for building by the area in square feet thereof.”

(Explanation: The purpose of this article is to reword this section of the Zoning bylaw to prohibit the creation of irregularly shaped lots in all residential zones.) Motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15: Superintendent Dr. Patricia Ruane moved to pass over this article. Motion to pass over was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

Mr. Eugene Phillips moved to dissolve the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, April 12th, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, April 12th, 2005, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to GLc.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and further to see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in fiscal year 2006, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	\$ 6,500
Town Clerk (1)*	\$28,320
Road Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Board of Health (3)	\$ 1,850
Park Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,600
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Tree Warden (1)	\$ 1,000
Planning Board (5)	\$ 3,700
Board of Assessors (3)	\$ 4,100
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	\$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	\$ 1,300
Finance Committee (9) appt.	\$ 950
School Committee (5)	\$ 5,500
Conservation Committee (5)	\$ 2,600

* Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at public or private sale or auction, for such price as they consider equitable, and upon such terms and conditions as they deem necessary, parcels of vacant land presently owned by the town by reason of the foreclosure of tax titles thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds. The total area of land sold to any one person shall not exceed two acres. A record of all sales giving the names and addresses of the Purchasers, the area and location of the land sold and the price sold therefore shall be kept by the Selectmen and shall be available for public inspection at all reasonable times, authority therefore to expire June 30, 2006 or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under GLc. 83, §16, and to be collected under GLc. 44, §53E bond issue payments of \$83,494 for the Sewer Department or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under GLc. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to GLc. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2006; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to GLc. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$10, 000.00 for the fiscal year 2006; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with GLc. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2006, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$97,305 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, to adjust the percentage applicable to the compensation plan, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Personnel Committee

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal Year 2006 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a fee simple interest in the parcel of town owned land located at 16 Green Street, shown as Assessors Parcel ID 13-45-0 and described in the deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 7357, page 251, containing 7,800 square feet more or less, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate for a minimum purchase price or take any other action relative thereto,

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-law by deleting the current Section 2.29A and replacing it with the following:

2.29A Lot Shape Factor/Residential Districts: To meet the minimum area requirements in Residential Districts, a lot must be a closed plot of land having a definite area and perimeter and having a Lot Shape Factor not exceeding the numerical value of 22 in the RA, RA-1, RA-2, RB, RP-1 and RC Districts, and such lots shall not be created to a depth greater than two (2) lots from the principal way. The Lot Shape Factor shall be the numerical value resulting from a division of the square of the perimeter in feet of a lot by the area in square feet thereof.

Submitted by: Planning Board

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1,289.32 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend its bylaws Article II, as set forth in the Code of the Town of Hopedale, Chapter 121 section 121-3 by changing from “The Annual Town Meeting for the consideration of all business, other than the election of Town officers or other matters to be determined by ballot, shall be held on the second Tuesday in the month of April each year, commencing at 7:00 p.m. In the event that all articles on the warrant have not been acted on by the end of the session, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and date agreeable to the meeting by majority.”

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“The Annual Town Meeting for the consideration of all business, other than the election of Town officers or other matters to be determined by ballot, shall be held on the third Tuesday in the month of May each year, commencing at 7:00 p.m. In the event that all articles on the warrant have not been acted on by the end of the session, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and date agreeable to the meeting by majority.”, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners, for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study and developing a conceptual master plan to construct athletic facilities at Draper Field, or take any other action in relation thereof.

Submitted by: Park Commissioners

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Parks Department, on behalf of the Town, to negotiate with the land owner of the parcel known as the Draper Ball Field parcel a method and means of transfer of ownership of said parcel to The Town of Hopedale, such transfer of ownership to the Town to be subject to Town Meeting approval.

Commentary: This non-binding vote would allow the Parks Department on behalf of town to negotiate with land owner of the Draper Ball Field parcel a method and means of transfer of ownership of said parcel to the Town of Hopedale.

Submitted by: Park Commissioners

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning By-Laws by adding a new Section, this shall be Section 19 (nineteen), and shall read as follows:

SECTION 19: ADULT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

- 1) PURPOSE** The purposes of this section are:
- a) To provide an alternative housing opportunity for persons 55 years of age and older;
 - b) To provide an attractive and suitable residential environment that is more amenable to the needs of people in their later years;
 - c) To encourage creative and innovative site planning and design, in order to enhance the attractiveness and suitability of this alternative housing type, and to better meet the specific housing needs of this segment of the population;

- d) To encourage the preservation of common land for open space and recreational use by promoting the highest and best utilization of land in harmony with its natural features.
- 2) **LOCATION** For the purposes of this Section, an Adult Retirement Community Overlay District shall be considered superimposed upon the other Residential Districts then existing. The rezoning of any or all of the land included in the Adult Retirement Community (hereinafter "ARC") Overlay District from one underlying zone classification to another shall not affect its inclusion in the ARC Overlay District, unless said land is specifically removed from the said ARC Overlay District.
- 3) **DEFINITIONS** For the purposes of this Section only, certain terms, words and phrases are herein defined as follows:
- a) **ADULT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (ARC)** A self-contained alternative residential community constructed expressly for and specifically limited to use and residency by at least one person who has achieved a minimum age requirement for residency of at least fifty-five (55) years. Children under the age of eighteen (18) may not reside in a senior residential dwelling unit for more than forty-five (45) days in any calendar year. In the event of the death of the qualifying owner/occupant(s) of a senior residential dwelling unit, foreclosure or other involuntary transfer such as by a Court Order of a senior residential dwelling unit which creates a disqualifying transfer, a two (2) year exemption shall be allowed for the transfer of the unit to another eligible household. Such developments shall comply in all respects to the requirements of MGL Chapter 151B, as it may be amended.
- b) **COMMUNITY FACILITY (IES)** Developed common areas, constructed solely for the use of the residents of the ARC and their guests. The Community Facility(ies) may include buildings housing activities and amenities such as game room, entertainment room, sewing room, library, kitchen, laundry facilities, exercise room, toilet facilities, locker rooms for men and women, etc. Facility(ies) may also include outdoor activities and amenities such as swimming pools, gardens, paths, and walkways, putting greens, tennis courts and the like. All Community Facility(ies) shall be designed and maintained in conformance with the latest Massachusetts standards for handicap accessibility.
- 4) **PERMITTED USES** The use of land in an ARC Overlay District shall be limited to residential uses, whether single-family or multi-family in nature and those accessory uses presently allowed in all residential zones within the Town of Hopedale. No use of such property shall be made unless a Special Permit has been granted by the Planning Board, pursuant to the criteria for Special Permits as hereinafter set forth in this Section.
- 5) **ADULT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY GENERAL STANDARDS**
- a) **Minimum Lot Size:** Each lot or contiguous lots upon which an ARC may be built shall be a minimum of ten (10) acres.
- b) **Density Regulation:** No more than six (6) dwelling units, including the garages, whether attached or detached, appurtenant thereto shall be permitted for each acre of land which is made part of the application. Sixteen (16%) percent of the units built in each acre shall be designated as and deed restricted in perpetuity as affordable units. When there is a fractional composition of an acre included within the proposal, the first unit shall be designated as an affordable unit. The affordable units shall be priced and sold pursuant to the guidelines set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B.
- c) **Restriction on Bedrooms:** No dwelling unit in an ARC shall have more than two (2) bedrooms.
- d) **Minimum Living Area per Unit:** No dwelling unit in the ARC shall have less than eight hundred square feet (800 sq. ft.) of living area above and exclusive of any basement.
- e) **19.5(e) Height Restrictions and Set Backs:**

- 1) No building in the ARC except a building which predates this section of the bylaw, shall be more than thirty-eight (38') feet in height, exclusive of the basement.
 - 2) Each building in the ARC shall face either upon an existing street or upon a private way constructed within said ARC and shall have a minimum front yard of not less than twenty-five (25') feet from the edge of the paved way to the closest point of the structure, and a side yard of not less than twenty-five (25') feet from the edge of the paved way to the closest point of the structure. Each building, whether principal or accessory, shall be at least twenty-five (25') feet distant from any other building by air line distance between the nearest points of the buildings.
 - 3) No part of any principal building in the ARC shall be less than one hundred (100') feet from any exterior lot line, or less than one hundred (100') feet from the side of any pre existing public way.
- f) **Minimum Frontage Requirements:** Each ARC shall have a minimum of fifty (50') feet of frontage on a way, whether public or private, existing as of the date of this Amendment to the Zoning By-Law.
 - g) **Maximum Lot Coverage:** The total area of a site covered by Building footprint (dwellings and all other structures) and pavement (other than areas paved for recreation such as tennis courts and the like) shall not exceed thirty-five percent (35%). The Open Space cannot be exclusively wetlands and no wetland area can be greater than 20% of the designated sixty-five (65%) percent open space.
 - h) **Access to Open Space and Common Land:** Each dwelling within the ARC shall have access to all common land within the ARC, provided however that nothing contained herein shall limit the Applicant from designating certain limited common areas for the creation of dedicated parking, decks, patios or amenities which are appurtenant to a specific dwelling unit.
 - i) **Ownership of Common Land or Open Space:** All common or open space land hereunder shall be owned by a Condominium Association whose membership includes the owners of all units contained in the ARC. The developer shall include in the deed to owners of individual dwelling units beneficial rights in said common land, and shall grant a separate conservation restriction to the Town of Hopedale, satisfactory to the Hopedale Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, over such land pursuant to Chapter 184, Sections 31 - 33, General Laws, to insure its perpetual use for those purposes approved by the Condominium Association.
 - j) **Construction of Roads and Improvements and Ownership Thereof:**
 - 1) All roadways, utilities and improvements shall be owned in perpetuity by the Condominium Association and shall not be deeded to the Town of Hopedale.
 - 2) Roads and driveways within the development shall meet such width, grades and construction standards as the Planning Board shall determine, based upon the standards provided in the regulations governing subdivisions, as the same may be waived or modified by the Planning Board to meet site conditions and design requirements.
 - 3) Utilities, including sewer, water, electric, cable and gas shall be installed underground.
 - 4) As a condition of approval, the Planning Board may require the installation of one sidewalk.
 - k) **Off Street Parking:** Each dwelling unit in the ARC shall be required to provide a minimum of two spaces, one of which may be outside a garage, provided however that any outside space shall be within 100 feet of the dwelling unit. Each dwelling unit shall have a minimum of one space in a garage, and the garage may be attached to the unit or

detached, provided however that any detached garage shall be located within 100 feet of the dwelling unit. In addition to the requirement of two spaces per dwelling unit, there shall be one additional space for each three dwelling units built; these added spaces may be located anywhere on the site. The Planning Board may, as a condition of the Special Permit, require the Applicant to provide additional off-street parking areas.

- l) **Building Styles:** All dwelling units in the ARC may be detached or attached and if attached only along sidewalls or by garages which are attached to a specific dwelling in the so-called townhouse (4) unit, triplex (3) unit or duplex (2) unit style. No more than 4 dwelling units may be attached.
- m) **Landscaping:** The site shall be preserved and enhanced by retaining and protecting trees, shrubs, ground cover, stone walls and other site features. No disturbance to these features shall occur within fifty (50') feet of the perimeter boundary of the site, except that the access road to the development from the point of intersection to an existing public way shall be exempt from this requirement as there shall be easements necessary for utility connections.
- n) **Administration:**
 - 1) **Application Procedures** - To file an application for a Special Permit for a ARC dwelling unit or development, a party entitled to do so shall file an application complying with the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board for Site Plan Review submittals. In addition, the following design and other documents shall be made a part of every such application with each site plan, architectural drawing, and statement required hereunder to be prepared by professionally trained and registered persons who are qualified by both education and experience to prepare the particular plan, drawing or statement involved.
 - (i) Architectural drawings including floor plans of dwelling units, overall building plans sections, elevations and construction details. This shall be supplemented by architectural renderings of proposed finished buildings and surroundings.
 - (ii) Written statement of proposal to include:
 - (a) a description of the number of parking spaces to be provided, the size and use of the facilities, including conveniences, to be constructed and the structural system to be employed;
 - (b) Computations showing the percentage of building area per lot area and stating the floor area of the planned dwelling units;
 - (c) An impact statement or statements depicting the projected effect of the proposed development in relation to the Intent and Objectives previously set forth herein and the suitability of the soils to accommodate sewage disposal systems shall be furnished by engineers, hydrologists and other parties as appropriate, all of whom shall be professionally qualified in their respective fields or independent at applicants cost.
 - (d) Financial information including the value of the units and the project upon completion, together with a schedule of completion and the estimated tax revenues of the project over a five -year period after completion. Included in the revenue schedule should be a projection of increased costs of public services from the project (i.e. schools, roads, police, fire, etc.).
 - (e) All other statements pertinent to the proposal, such as provisions for the permanent protection of open space, conservation areas and features of historical interest, said provisions to run with the land.
 - (f) A proposed Master Deed and Condominium Trust evidencing appropriate restrictions as an Adult Retirement Community.

- 2) **Bonding:** In granting the Special Permit, the applicant may be required by the Special Permit Granting authority (hereinafter “SPGA”) to file with the Town a bond or bonds or other security or securities satisfactory to the SPGA guaranteeing performance of the conditions of such Special Permit either by the entirety or by completion of phases thereof, all according to the terms of such Special Permit.
- 3) **Findings:** In granting a Special Permit, the SPGA shall make the following findings:
 - (i) The site is appropriate for senior residential use and there are supportive services within a reason able distance or reason able transportation services are being offered in the petition.
 - (ii) The use will not create a hazard or nuisance to abutters, vehicles or pedestrians on the site or adjacent roadways.
 - (iii) Adequate and appropriate facilities (e.g. parking and recreation) have been provided.
 - (iv) The development includes appropriate measures to control and mitigate drainage and traffic impacts.
 - (v) The development will not have a negative impact upon Town services.
 - (vi) Exterior design and layout is in harmony with the character of the surrounding properties and the Town.
 - (vii) The Development does not have a detrimental impact on the neighborhood or the natural environment and is in harmony with the long-range plan of the Town.

Submitted by: Planning Board

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide \$601,000 or some other amount, to pay costs of replacing water lines in Bancroft Park, Hope and Cemetery Streets, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action in connection therewith.

Submitted by: Water Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to purchase land currently owned by Louis J. Noferi, said land shown as parcel 11-74-2 on the Hopedale Assessors map, being a portion of the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 4982 Page 106, said land being located off Hopedale Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 3.18 acres of land more or less, for the sum of \$350,000 (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) or to take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Petitioners

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under GLc. 83, §16, and to be collected under GLc. 44, §53E bond issue payments of \$44,501 for the Water Department or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$48,286 (\$45,495.40 principal and \$2,790.60 interest) to make the second of a three year lease to purchase payment to All American Investment Group, LLC., 730 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202, or take any other action in relation thereof.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way 1,106 square feet, more or less of Dudley Road, including the road, ways and utilities set forth on a certain plan of land entitled: “NEW HOMES AT EIGHT ROD ROAD’ LAYOUT PLAN OF DUDLEY ROAD IN HOPE DALE, MA SCALE: 40 FEET TO AN INCH DATE: AUGUST 31, 2004 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243”, which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; and further to authorize the Road Commissioners to acquire by gift and to accept the deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of an easement in Dudley Road as shown on said plan, upon such terms and conditions as they shall determine appropriate, for the purposes of a public way, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$218,969 for the Town's assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to General Laws Chapter 59, sec. 5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, currently \$4000 in valuation or \$500, whichever is greater, to \$4440 in valuation or \$555, whichever is greater, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to GLc. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the maintenance and operating budget of the South Hopedale Cemetery and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the sale of lots under the authority and direction of the Board of Selectmen, such expenditures not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the fiscal year 2006; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 4th day of April 2005.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins	Michael A. Milanoski Chairman	Alan J. Ryan
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A True Copy, ATTEST: Janet Orff Jacaruso, Town Clerk
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

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Constable	Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 12, 2005
MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Junior-Senior High School at 7:00 PM. At 7:15 PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin called the meeting to order and declared a quorum (50) present. The annual Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated April 4, 2005. The Return of Service was dated April 4, 2005 and served by Constable Lt. James Gardner. The Moderator led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and spoke of Mr. Edward Malloy, a Hopedale resident, a "good and faithful servant" who served his town for nearly fifty years. Mr. Malloy passed in June of 2004. Privileges of the floor were extended to Treasurer/Collector Barbara Walls, Town Counsel Joyce Frank, Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Water Superintendent Timothy Watson and Blackstone Valley Regional High School Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the warrant, which was seconded and moved.

Article 1: The Moderator asked to hear the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of the Town. The motion was duly seconded. James Carroll, Finance Committee Chairman, spoke of the uncertainty of funds which will be received from the Commonwealth. Lottery funds used for general spending and Chapter 70 funds used by the School Department have been decreasing. With cuts in State aide, a decrease in local new growth, a 24% increase in medical insurance premiums, a deficit in the snow removal budget, and unforeseen asbestos costs at the Bright Beginnings Center the state of the Fiscal Year 2006(FY06) budget is uncertain. Spending cuts and/or tax increases are real probabilities. Many of the articles related to the FY06 will be passed over tonight and addressed at the reconvened session of this meeting to be held in June. It is hoped more accurate aide numbers will be available at the June session.

Article 2: Selectman Michael Collins moved, pursuant to GL Chapter 41, Section 108, to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and further to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in FY06 as follows:

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	\$ 6,500
Town Clerk (1)*	\$23,764
Road Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Board of Health (3)	\$ 1,850

Park Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,500
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Tree Warden (1)	\$ 1,000
Planning Board (5)	\$ 3,700
Board of Assessors (3)	\$ 4,100
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	\$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	\$ 1,300
Finance Committee (9) appt.	\$ 950
School Committee (5)	\$ 5,500
Conservation Committee (5) appt.	\$ 2,600

*Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year.

Motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote at 7:27PM.

Article 3: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at public or private sale or auction, for such price as they consider equitable, and upon such terms and conditions as they deem necessary, parcels of vacant land presently owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of tax titles thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds. The total area of land sold to any one person shall not exceed two acres. A record of all sales giving the names and addresses of the purchasers, the area and location of the land sold and the price sold therefore shall be kept by the Selectmen and shall be available for public inspection at all reasonable times, authority therefore to expire June 30, 2006.

Motion was duly seconded. Craig Travers, Planning Board Chairman, asks that the Planning Board review list of parcels before any sale of land. As a courtesy the Selectmen will not negotiate a sale until the Planning Board delivers comments to the Selectmen.

Motion passed by voice vote at 7:30PM.

Article 4: Water & Sewer Commissioner James Morin moved to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under GL Chapter 83, Section 16, and to be collected under GL Chapter 44, Section 53E bond issue payments of \$83,494 for the Sewer Department.

Motion was duly seconded. Commissioner Morin explained that this is a sewer plant bond payment which the Town is legally obligated to pay.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 5: Finance Committee Chairman James Carroll moved to postpone consideration of Article 5 until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 6: Board of Health Member Robert Moro moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to GL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for FY06.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 7: Board of Health Member Robert Moro moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to GL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$10,000.00 for FY06.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 8: Conservation Commission Chairperson Jen Carlino moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with GL Chapter 131, Section 40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for FY06.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 9: Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$97,305.00 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects.

The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 10: Coordinator Phillips moved to postpone consideration of Article 10 until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 11: Finance Committee Chairman James Carroll moved to postpone consideration of Article 11 until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 12: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a fee simple interest in the parcel of town owner land located at 16 Greene Street, shown as Assessors Parcel ID 13-45-0 and described in the deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 7357, page 251, containing 7,800 square feet more or less, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate for a minimum purchase.

The motion was duly seconded.

Craig Travers, Planning Board Chairman, made a motion to defer consideration, which he withdrew. An understanding was reached between the Selectmen & Planning Board that no action will be taken until the Planning Board makes a written evaluation which will include opinions from other Boards regarding future use of the parcel.

The motion was passed by a 2/3 majority vote at 7:50PM.

Article 13: Craig Travers moved to amend the Town of Hopedale’s Zoning By-law by deleting the current Section 2.29A and replacing it with the following:

“2.29A Lot Shape Factor/Residential Districts: To meet the minimum area requirements in Residential Districts, a lot must be a closed plot of land having a definite area and perimeter and having a Lot Shape Factor not exceeding the numerical value of 22 in the RA, RA-1, RA-2, RB, RP-1 and RC Districts, and such lots shall not be created to a depth greater than two (2) lots from the principal way. The Lot Shape Factor shall be the numerical value resulting from: a division of the square of the perimeter in feet of a lot by the area in square feet thereof.

The motion was duly seconded.

Hopedale resident Attorney Joseph Antonellis voiced concerns regarding the applicability to RC districts. Planning Board members assured the meeting that this article refers only to lot shape. Due to the feeling that the article was ambiguous, Mr. Travers moved to postpone consideration of Article 13 until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 14: Alan Ryan moved to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,289.32 to pay the Town’s annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 15: Selectman Mike Milanoski moved to amend the Town By-laws, Article II, as set forth in the Code of the Town of Hopedale, Chapter 121 Section 121-3 by changing from “The Annual Town Meeting for the consideration of all business, other than the election of Town Officers or other matters to be determined by ballot, shall be held on the second Tuesday in the month of April each year, commencing at 7:00PM. In the event that all articles on the warrant have not been acted on by the end of the session, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and date agreeable to the meeting by majority.”

to

“The Annual Town Meeting for the consideration of all business, other than the election of Town Officers or other matters to be determined by ballot, shall be held on the second Tuesday in the month of May each year, commencing at 7:00PM. In the event that all articles on the warrant have not been acted on by the end of the session, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and date agreeable to the meeting by majority.”

The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Article 16: Coordinator Phillips moved to postpone consideration of Article 16 until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 17: Park Commission Chairman Richard Espanet moved to authorize the Parks Department, on behalf of the Town, to negotiate with the land owner of the parcel known as the Draper Ball Field parcel a method and means of transfer of ownership of said parcel to the Town of Hopedale, such transfer of ownership to the Town to be subject to Town Meeting approval.

The motion was duly seconded.

Discussion by concerned citizens ensued regarding the question of who should negotiate contracts. A number of residents felt the Selectmen should not turn over their right to negotiate to another Board. The Selectmen assured the meeting that the negotiations were non-binding. Further concern was voiced.

Selectman Michael Milanoski offered an amendment to replace “negotiate” with “discuss.” The amendment was duly seconded and accepted. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion as amended, which was passed by voice vote.

Article 18: Mr. Travers moved to postpone consideration of Article 18 until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 19: Dr. Morin moved to postpone consideration of Article 19 until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 20: Attorney Antonellis moved to postpone consideration of Article 20 until the continuation of this, the Annual Town Meeting, on the date certain, being June 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Hopedale Jr. Sr. High School Auditorium.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 21: Dr. Morin moved to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under GL Chapter 41, Section 69B, and to be collected under GL Chapter 44, Section 53E bond issue payments of \$44,501 for the Water Department.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 22: Mr. Phillips moved to raise and appropriate, \$48,286 (\$45,495.40 principal and \$2,790.60 interest) to make the second of a three year lease to purchase payment to All American Investment Group, LLC, 730 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote at 8:25PM.

Article 23: Mr. Phillips moved to accept as a public way 1,106 square feet, more or less, of Dudley Road, including the road, ways and utilities set forth on a certain plan of land entitled “ ‘NEW HOMES AT EIGHT ROD ROAD’ LAYOUT PLAN OF DUDLEY ROAD IN HOPEDALE, MA SCALE: 40 FEET TO AN INCH DATE: AUGUST 31, 2004 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, MA 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax(508)473-8243”, which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; and further to authorize the Road Commissioners to acquire by gift and to accept the deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of an easement in Dudley Road as shown on said plan, upon such terms and conditions as they shall determine appropriate, for the purposes of a public way.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 24: Selectman Michael Collins moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$218,969 for the Town’s assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick thanked the residents of Hopedale for their continued support.

Article 25: Board of Assessors Member Teri Gonsalves moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to GL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, currently \$4,000 in valuation or \$500, whichever is greater, to \$4,440 in valuation or \$555, whichever is greater.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Article 26: Mr. Phillips moved to pass over this article.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting to June 21, 2005 at 7:00PM in the auditorium of the Jr. Sr. High School was made, duly seconded and passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, the sum of \$35,000 to defray the costs associated with the release and cleanup to date of #2 Heating Oil at the Memorial School on April 2, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by amending the Town of Hopedale's Zoning Map dated May 1, 1973 and any subsequent map adopted by the Town thereafter by rezoning a parcel of land on South Main Street from RB (Residential B) to ARC (Adult Retirement Community) as defined below, or take any other action related thereto.

Beginning at a point on a curve on the westerly side of South Main Street, said point also being on the Town Line separating the towns of Milford and Hopedale at the southeasterly corner of Lot 1A;

Thence Southeasterly and curving to the left along the arc of a curve having a radius of 830.02 feet, a length of 121.50 feet to a MA Highway bound at a point of reverse curvature;

Thence Southeasterly and curving to the right along the arc of a curve having a radius of 967.00 feet, a length of 8.04 feet to a point at the end of a stone wall at land of Phyllis L. and Howard C. Weaver, Jr. The previous two (2) courses bounding along said westerly side of said South Main Street;

Thence S 70° 32' 33" W a distance of 285.28 feet to a drill hole;

Thence S 70° 30' 34" W a distance of 309.81 feet to a drill hole;

Thence S 70° 04' 28" W a distance of 268.57 feet to a drill hole;

Thence S 67° 52' 21" W a distance of 191.67 feet to a drill hole;

- Thence S 69° 10' 44" W a distance of 265.59 feet to a drill hole at the end of said stone wall. The previous five (5) courses bounding along land of said Weaver and said stone wall;
- Thence 70° 44' 46" W a distance of 261.42 feet along land of said Weaver and land of Robert J. and Mary L. Hampsch to a point at land of said Hampsch;
- Thence N 09° 19' 20" W a distance of 144.45 feet along land of said Hampsch and land of Richard J. and Stacy Lind to a point at land of said Lind;
- Thence N 07° 48' 22" W a distance of 164.62 feet along land of said Lind and land of Ravindran and Madhu Subramanian and land of Kevin M. and Heather J. Shaw to a drill hole at the end of a stone wall at land of said Shaw;
- Thence N 31° 16' 15" W a distance of 12.55 feet to a drill hole;
- Thence N 09° 06' 39" W a distance of 59.42 feet to a drill hole at land of Mika J. and Yolanda M. Tapanainen. The previous two (2) courses bounding along land of said Shaw.
- Thence N 10° 32' 34" W a distance of 219.97 feet along land of said Tapanainen and land of the Town of Hopedale to a drill hole at land of Smith Family Realty Trust. The previous three (3) courses bounding along said stone wall;
- Thence N 77° 46' 05" E a distance of 213.15 feet to a drill hole in a stone wall;
- Thence N 74° 53' 29" E a distance of 279.17 feet along said stone wall to a drill hole;
- Thence N 75° 03' 05" E a distance of 183.53 feet along said stone wall to a drill hole at the end of said stone wall;
- Thence N 77° 35' 13" E a distance of 20.99 feet to a point on said Town Line at Parcel 2A. The previous four (4) courses bounding along land of said Smith Family Realty Trust;
- Thence S 44° 41' 49" E a distance of 121.55 feet along said Parcel 2A to a point;
- Thence S 87° 44' 16" E a distance of 508.95 feet along said Parcel 2A to a point at said Lot 1A. The previous two (2) courses bounding along said Town Line;
- Thence S 20° 29' 41" E a distance of 161.54 feet to a point;

Thence N 70° 32’ 33” E a distance of 145.90 feet to a point;

Thence N 47° 07’ 33” E a distance of 25.45 feet to a point;

Thence N 19° 12’ 30” E a distance of 80.43 feet to the point of beginning. The previous four (4) courses bounding along said Lot 1A.

The above described parcel of land contains an area of 13.66 acres, more or less, to be rezoned.

Submitted by: Planning Board

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre7/1/04), or take any other action related thereto.

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Police Salaries	\$1188.37	Building Inspector	\$xxxx.xx
Highway Salaries	\$2000.00	Coordinator	\$2000.00
Fire Department Expense	\$xxxx.xx	Fire Department	\$xxxx.xx

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 4: : To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds such sums as may be required for various purposes, or take any other related action thereto.

Commentary: Transfers from Free Cash are expected to total \$75,950 to be used as follows:

School Department (BBC Construction)	\$ 5,000
School Department (High School Roof)	\$30,000
School Department (Mini Van)	\$19,500
School Department (Memorial Copier)	\$ 7,500
School department (Computer Equipment)	\$52,000
School Department (Bus Lease)	\$33,000
Parks Department (Tennis Courts)	\$ 7,239
Parks Department (Aerator)	\$ 2,600
Parks Department (Open Space Committee)	\$ 4,500
Library (External Repairs)	\$ 28,825
Fire Department (2 SCBA’s)	\$ 10,000

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. G.L. chap.148 Sect. 26I, which states; In a city, town or district which accepts the provisions of this section, any building hereafter constructed or hereafter substantially rehabilitated so as to constitute the equivalent of new construction and occupied in whole or part for residential purposes and containing not less than four dwellings units including but not limited to, lodging houses, boarding houses, fraternity houses, dormitories, apartments, townhouses, condominiums, hotels, motels and group residences, shall be equipped with an approved system of automatic sprinklers in accordance with the provisions of the state building code. In the event that adequate water supply is not available, the head of the fire department shall permit the installation of such other fire suppressant systems as are prescribed by the state building code in lieu of automatic sprinklers. Owners of buildings with approved and properly maintained installations may be eligible for a rate reduction on fire insurance, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of June 2005.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins

Alan J. Ryan
Chairman

Louis J. Arcudi III

A True Copy, ATTEST: Janet Orff Jacaruso, Town Clerk
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable

Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (CONTINUED) & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 21, 2005
MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Junior-Senior High School at 7:00 PM. At 7:27 PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin called the meeting to order and declared a quorum (50) present. The annual Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated April 4, 2005, continued from April 12. The Return of Service was dated April 4, 2005 and served by Constable Lt. James Gardner. The Moderator led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made to extend privileges of the floor to Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Fire Chief Scott Garland, and Treasurer/Collector Barbara Walls. The motion was seconded and so moved as declared by the Moderator.

The Moderator offered the floor to any Town Department or Committee member for reports.

Finance Committee Chairman James Carroll offered a synopsis of the Town's financial outlook. He made the following points: State aid is decreasing, new growth & local receipts are also decreasing, and health insurance premiums are increasing by 24%. The Finance Committee worked this year with three goals in mind: to keep tax increases to a minimum (3.5%), to maintain services at current levels, and to avoid layoffs. The Finance Committee believes the proposed FY06 meets these goals.

Superintendent Dr. Patricia Ruane, on behalf of the School Committee, spoke of the many hours of work which went into crafting the FY06 School Department budget. The members focused on two major goals: providing quality educational programs to prepare students for future success and delivering programs in an engaging and cost-effective manner.

Richard Espanet, Parks Commission member spoke to the voters in regard to the recent open space survey. The Committee was pleased with the 20% response rate. He thanked the citizens who took time to voice their opinions. The Committee is working to organize and report the information gathered. An open forum will be held in the near future to discuss the data.

Teresa Ryan, Co-Chair of Friends of Historic Hopedale presented a \$5,000 check to Daniel and Elaine Malloy, curators of the Little Red Shop. The Malloys plan to catalog and present 160 years of Hopedale and Draper history in the soon-to-be-renovated facility. Thanks were offered to Senator Richard Moore, Representative Marie Parente, Friends of Historic Hopedale, the Historic Commission, Bill Hardiman and Merrily Sparling for their diligent work in acquiring funds for the project.

At 7:50PM a motion was made to dispense with the line-by-line reading of the Annual Town Meeting warrant, which was seconded and so moved.

Eugene Phillips moved to consider Article 18 out of order. The motion was seconded and carried.

ARTICLE 18: Planning Board Chair Craig Travers moved to amend the Hopedale Zoning By-Laws by adding a new section, this shall be Section 19 (nineteen), and shall read as follows:

A motion to dispense with the reading of the entire article was made, seconded and moved as declared by the Moderator. (All voters were given a printed copy of Article 18 upon entering the auditorium.)

SECTION 19: ADULT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

19.1 PURPOSE The purposes of this section are:

- 19.1(a) To provide an alternative housing opportunity for persons 55 years of age and older;
- 19.1(b) To provide an attractive and suitable residential environment that is more amenable to the needs of people in their later years;
- 19.1(c) To encourage creative and innovative site planning and design, in order to enhance the attractiveness and suitability of this alternative housing type, and to better meet the specific housing needs of this segment of the population;
- 19.1(d) To encourage the preservation of common land for open space and recreational use by promoting the highest and best utilization of land in harmony with its natural features.

19.2 LOCATION For the purposes of this Section, an Adult Retirement Community District shall be created as set forth in section 19.5a.

19.3 DEFINITIONS For the purposes of this Section only, certain terms, words and phrases are herein defined as follows:

19.3.a ADULT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (ARC) A self-contained alternative residential community constructed expressly for and specifically limited to use and residency by at least one person per unit who has achieved a minimum age requirement for residency of at least fifty-five (55) years. In the event of the death of the qualifying owner/occupant(s) of a senior residential dwelling unit, foreclosure or other involuntary transfer such as by a Court Order of a senior residential dwelling unit which creates a disqualifying transfer, a two (2) year exemption shall be allowed for the transfer of the unit to another eligible household. Such developments shall comply in all respects to the requirements of MGL Chapter 151B, as it may be amended.

19.3.b COMMUNITY FACILITY (IES) Developed common areas, constructed solely for the use of the residents of the ARC and their guests.

The Community Facility(ies) may include buildings housing activities and amenities such as game room, entertainment room, sewing room, library, kitchen, laundry facilities, exercise room, toilet facilities, locker rooms for men and women, etc. Facility(ies) may also include outdoor activities and amenities such as swimming pools, gardens, paths, and walkways, putting greens, tennis courts and the like. All Community Facility(ies) shall be designed and maintained in conformance with the latest Massachusetts standards for handicap accessibility.

19.4 PERMITTED USES The use of land in an ARC District shall be limited to residential uses, whether single-family or multi-family in nature and those accessory uses presently allowed in all residential zones within the Town of Hopedale. No use of such property as an ARC shall be made unless a Special Permit has been granted by the Planning Board, pursuant to the criteria for Special Permits as hereinafter set forth in this Section and pursuant to guidelines set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 40A Section 9.

19.5 ADULT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY GENERAL STANDARDS

19.5.a Minimum Lot Size: Each lot or contiguous lots upon which an ARC may be built shall be a minimum of ten (10) acres, provided that all of the land used as an ARC has been designated as an ARC District by way of re-zoning.

19.5.b Density Regulation: No more than six (6) dwelling units, including the garages, whether attached or detached, appurtenant thereto shall be permitted for each acre of land which is made part of the application. Sixteen (16%) percent of the units built in each acre shall be designated as and deed restricted in perpetuity as affordable units. When there is a fractional composition of an acre included within the proposal, the first unit shall be designated as an affordable unit. The affordable units shall be priced, sold and deeded in perpetuity, pursuant to the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development including units listed under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23 and/or the Commonwealth's Local Initiative Program (LIP). The qualified affordable housing unit purchaser or tenant is an individual or family with income that does not exceed 80% of the median income, with adjustments for household size, as reported by the most recent information from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and/or the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). To the extent permissible under M.G.L. preference shall be first given to Hopedale residents on affordable units.

19.5.c Restriction on Bedrooms: No dwelling unit in an ARC shall have more than two (2) bedrooms.

19.5.d Minimum Living Area per Unit: No dwelling unit in the ARC shall have less than eight hundred square feet (800 sq. ft.) of living area above and exclusive of any basement.

19.5.e Height Restrictions and Set Backs:

- 19.5.e.1** No building in the ARC except a building which predates this section of the bylaw, shall be more than thirty-eight (38') feet in height, exclusive of the basement.
- 19.5.e.2** Each building in the ARC shall face either upon an existing street or upon a private way constructed within said ARC and shall have a minimum front yard of not less than twenty-five (25') feet from the edge of the paved way to the closest point of the structure, and a side yard of not less than twenty-five (25') feet from the edge of the paved way to the closest point of the structure. Each building, whether principal or accessory, shall be at least twenty-five (25') feet distant from any other building by air line distance between the nearest points of the buildings.
- 19.5.e.3** No part of any principal building in the ARC shall be less than one hundred (100') feet from any exterior lot line, or less than one hundred (100') feet from the side of any pre-existing public way.
- 19.5.f Minimum Frontage Requirements:** Each ARC shall have a minimum of fifty (50') feet of frontage on a public way.
- 19.5.g Maximum Lot Coverage:** The total area of a site covered by Building footprint (dwellings and all other structures) and pavement (other than areas paved for recreation such as tennis courts and the like) shall not exceed thirty-five percent (35%). The Open Space cannot be exclusively wetlands and no wetland area can be greater than 20% of the designated sixty-five (65%) percent open space.
- 19.5.h Access to Open Space and Common Land:** Each dwelling within the ARC shall have access to all common land within the ARC, provided however that nothing contained herein shall limit the Applicant from designating certain limited common areas for the creation of dedicated parking, decks, patios or amenities which are appurtenant to a specific dwelling unit.
- 19.5.i Ownership of Common Land or Open Space:** All common or open space land hereunder shall be owned by a Condominium Association or entity whose membership includes the owners of all units contained in the ARC. The developer shall include in the deed to owners of individual dwelling units beneficial rights in said common land, and shall grant a separate conservation restriction to the Town of Hopedale, satisfactory to the Hopedale Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, over such land pursuant to Chapter 184, Sections 31 - 33, General Laws, to insure its perpetual use for those purposes approved by the Condominium Association or entity.
- 19.5.j Construction of Roads and Improvements and Ownership Thereof:**
- 19.5.j.1** All roadways, utilities and improvements shall be owned in perpetuity by the Condominium Association or entity whose membership includes the owners of all units contained in the ARC and shall not be deeded or maintained by the Town of Hopedale.

19.5.j.2 Roads and driveways within the development shall meet such width, grades and construction standards as the Planning Board shall determine, based upon the standards provided in the regulations governing subdivisions, as the same may be waived or modified by the Planning Board to meet site conditions and design requirements.

19.5.j.3 Utilities, including sewer, water, electric, cable and gas shall be installed underground.

19.5.j.4 As a condition of approval, the Planning Board may require the installation of one sidewalk.

19.5.k Off Street Parking: Each dwelling unit in the ARC shall be required to provide a minimum of two spaces, one of which may be outside a garage, provided however that any outside space shall be within 100 feet of the dwelling unit. Each dwelling unit shall have a minimum of one space in a garage, and the garage may be attached to the unit or detached, if detached from a unit, no more than four (4) single car garages shall be joined together, provided however that any detached garage shall be located within 100 feet of the dwelling unit. In addition to the requirement of two spaces per dwelling unit, there shall be one additional space for each three dwelling units built; these added spaces shall be equally dispersed on the site. The Planning Board may, as a condition of the Special Permit, require the Applicant to provide additional off-street parking areas.

19.5.l Building Styles: All dwelling units in the ARC may be detached or attached and if attached only along sidewalls or by garages which are attached to a specific dwelling in the so-called townhouse (4) unit, triplex (3) unit or duplex (2) unit style. No more than 4 dwelling units may be attached.

19.5.m Landscaping: The site shall be preserved and enhanced by retaining and protecting trees, shrubs, ground cover, stone walls and other site features. No disturbance to these features shall occur within fifty (50') feet of the perimeter boundary of the site, except that the access road(s) to the development, from the point of intersection at an existing public way, shall be exempt from this requirement as shall be easements necessary for utility connections.

19.5.n Administration:

19.5.n.1 Application Procedures - To file an application for a Special Permit for an ARC dwelling unit or development, a party entitled to do so shall file an application complying with the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board for Site Plan Review submittals. In addition, the following design and other documents shall be made a part of every such application with each site plan, architectural drawing, and statement required hereunder to be prepared by professionally trained and registered persons who are qualified by both education and experience to prepare the particular plan, drawing or statement involved.

- i. Architectural drawings including floor plans of dwelling units, overall building plans sections, elevations and construction details. This shall be

supplemented by architectural renderings of proposed finished buildings and surroundings.

ii. Written statement of proposal to include:

- ii.a** a description of the number of parking spaces to be provided, the size and use of the facilities, including conveniences, to be constructed and the structural system to be employed;
- ii.b** Computations showing the percentage of building area per lot area and stating the floor area of the planned dwelling units;
- ii.c** An impact statement or statements depicting the projected effect of the proposed development in relation to the Intent and Objectives previously set forth herein and the suitability of the soils to accommodate sewage disposal systems shall be furnished by engineers, hydrologists and other parties as appropriate, all of whom shall be professionally qualified in their respective fields or independent at applicants cost.
- ii.d** Financial information including the value of the units and the project upon completion, together with a schedule of completion and the estimated tax revenues of the project over a five-year period after completion. Included in the revenue schedule should be a projection of increased costs of public services from the project (i.e. schools, roads, police, fire, etc.).
- ii.e** All other statements pertinent to the proposal, such as provisions for the permanent protection of open space, conservation areas and features of historical interest, said provisions to run with the land.
- ii.f** A proposed Master Deed and Condominium Trust evidencing appropriate restrictions as an Adult Retirement Community. Proposed unit deed and proposed restrictive covenants, all of which are subject to Planning Board approval.

19.5.n.2 Bonding: In granting the Special Permit, pursuant to guidelines set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 40A Section 9, the applicant may be required by the Special Permit Granting authority (hereinafter "SPGA") to file with the Town a bond or bonds or other security or securities satisfactory to the SPGA guaranteeing performance of the conditions of such Special Permit either by the entirety or by completion of phases thereof, all according to the terms of such Special Permit.

19.5.n.3 Findings: In granting a Special Permit, the SPGA shall make the following findings:

- (i) The site is appropriate for senior residential use and there are supportive services within a reasonable distance or reasonable transportation services are being offered in the petition.
- (ii) The use will not create a hazard or nuisance to abutters, vehicles or pedestrians on the site or adjacent roadways.
- (iii) Adequate and appropriate facilities (e.g. parking and recreation) have been provided.
- (iv) The development includes appropriate measures to control and mitigate drainage and traffic impacts.

- (v) The development will not have a negative impact upon Town services.
- (vi) Exterior design and layout is in harmony with the character of the surrounding properties and the Town.
- (vii) The Development does not have a detrimental impact on the neighborhood or the natural environment and is in harmony with the long-range plan of the Town.

Mr. Travers spoke of the highlights of the proposed by-law.
The motion was seconded.

Much discussion followed, including:

Jim Carroll – Questioned responsibility for trash removal and road plowing – response from Mr. Travers was that the Condo Association would be responsible for these services. Rick Espanet – would this language re: limited services be in the deeds – reply was yes. Denise Linder – asked if this is an overlay district – reply, no. Howard Maurer, Planning Board Vice-Chair, - made the following points: This ordinance was brought to the Town by a developer who owns a 13 acre lot behind the Milford Daily News building. Existing Zoning would allow 10 or 11 single family houses. Developer is asking for 80 homes on this site. This great an increase in density usually brings something back to the Town (i.e. ball parks, recreational facilities, etc.) There is no requirement for a recreational facility. This development/zoning is modeled after Laurelwood which consists of 62 acres and 224 homes (3.57 units/acre). “Picture Laurelwood with 150 additional units, which would reflect the proposed density.” Any 10 acre parcel could be rezoned to the new ARC zone. There could be schoolchildren in an ARC as people over 55 often have children in this age group. There will be a need for services including Fire, Police, Water, & Sewer. Further discussion was heard from Joseph Antonellis, resident and Attorney for the developer. Mr. Antonellis rebutted density numbers given by Mr. Maurer. Carol Mullen questioned if the affordable units remain affordable units in perpetuity – this will be the case as this fact will be noted on deeds and a committee will be organized to oversee this provision. Susan Gallagher voiced concerns about the traffic on South Main Street. Mr. Travers stated that a detailed traffic study would be part of the permitting process.

Howard Maurer moved to amend Article 18, Section 19.5.b as follows: replace the word “six” with “four” (No more than four dwelling units). The motion was seconded. Discussion included comments from Mr. Antonellis regarding density/ bonus units and wetlands. Mr. Travers reiterated that the Planning Board has a great deal to say as to what the Town gains in this process.

The Moderator called for a standing vote on the amendment to Section 19.5.b. The vote was 85 in the affirmative (to change the number of units from 6 to 4) and 52 negative. The amendment passed with a simple majority.

Howard Maurer offered the second amendment to Article 18 related to Section 19.5.a and called for the word “upland” (meaning non-wetland) to be inserted between the number “ten (10)” and the word “acres.” The amendment was seconded and a standing vote was

called for. The vote was 81 in the affirmative (to include “upland”) and 46 negative. The amendment passed with a simple majority.

Louis Arcudi moved to amend Section 19.5.n.2 by replacing the phrase “may be required” with “must be required.” The motion was seconded and passed with a simple majority as declared by the Moderator.

Richard Martin commented that he would like to see developers contribute to the Community. Mr. Martin was assured by the Moderator that it was the spirit of the body that significant give-backs to the community are expected.

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 18 as amended and declared the vote unanimous in the affirmative. Attorney Antonellis asked for a standing vote. The final vote as declared by the Moderator was 142 in the affirmative and 2 opposed.

At 9:40PM Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and Open the Special Town Meeting, called by the warrant dated June 6 , 2005. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 1: Michael Collins moved to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$50,000 to defray the costs associated with the release of and cleanup to date of #2 heating oil at the Memorial School on May 2, 2005 and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: Craig Travers moved to amend the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by amending the Town of Hopedale’s Zoning Map dated May 1, 1973 and any subsequent map adopted by the Town thereafter by rezoning a parcel of land on South Main Street from RB (Residential B) to ARC (Adult Retirement Community) as defined below.

Mr. Phillips moved to dispense with the reading line-by-line. Motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator. The full text of the article follows:

Beginning at a point on a curve on the westerly side of South Main Street, said point also being on the Town Line separating the towns of Milford and Hopedale at the southeasterly corner of Lot 1A;

Thence Southeasterly and curving to the left along the arc of a curve having a radius of 830.02 feet, a length of 121.50 feet to a MA Highway bound at a point of reverse curvature;

Thence Southeasterly and curving to the right along the arc of a curve having a radius of 967.00 feet, a length of 8.04 feet to a point at the end of a stone wall at land of Phyllis L. and Howard C. Weaver, Jr. The previous two (2) courses bounding along said westerly side of said South Main Street;

- Thence S 70° 32' 33" W a distance of 285.28 feet to a drill hole;
- Thence S 70° 30' 34" W a distance of 309.81 feet to a drill hole;
- Thence S 70° 04' 28" W a distance of 268.57 feet to a drill hole;
- Thence S 67° 52' 21" W a distance of 191.67 feet to a drill hole;
- Thence S 69° 10' 44" W a distance of 265.59 feet to a drill hole at the end of said stone wall. The previous five (5) courses bounding along land of said Weaver and said stone wall;
- Thence 70° 44' 46" W a distance of 261.42 feet along land of said Weaver and land of Robert J. and Mary L. Hampsch to a point at land of said Hampsch;
- Thence N 09° 19' 20" W a distance of 144.45 feet along land of said Hampsch and land of Richard J. and Stacy Lind to a point at land of said Lind;
- Thence N 07° 48' 22" W a distance of 164.62 feet along land of said Lind and land of Ravindran and Madhu Subramanian and land of Kevin M. and Heather J. Shaw to a drill hole at the end of a stone wall at land of said Shaw;
- Thence N 31° 16' 15" W a distance of 12.55 feet to a drill hole;
- Thence N 09° 06' 39" W a distance of 59.42 feet to a drill hole at land of Mika J. and Yolanda M. Tapanainen. The previous two (2) courses bounding along land of said Shaw.
- Thence N 10° 32' 34" W a distance of 219.97 feet along land of said Tapanainen and land of the Town of Hopedale to a drill hole at land of Smith Family Realty Trust. The previous three (3) courses bounding along said stone wall;
- Thence N 77° 46' 05" E a distance of 213.15 feet to a drill hole in a stone wall;
- Thence N 74° 53' 29" E a distance of 279.17 feet along said stone wall to a drill hole;
- Thence N 75° 03' 05" E a distance of 183.53 feet along said stone wall to a drill hole at the end of said stone wall;
- Thence N 77° 35' 13" E a distance of 20.99 feet to a point on said Town Line at Parcel 2A. The previous four (4) courses bounding along land of said Smith Family Realty Trust;
- Thence S 44° 41' 49" E a distance of 121.55 feet along said Parcel 2A to a point;

- Thence S 87° 44' 16" E a distance of 508.95 feet along said Parcel 2A to a point at said Lot 1A. The previous two (2) courses bounding along said Town Line;
- Thence S 20° 29' 41" E a distance of 161.54 feet to a point;
- Thence N 70° 32' 33" E a distance of 145.90 feet to a point;
- Thence N 47° 07' 33" E a distance of 25.45 feet to a point;
- Thence N 19° 12' 30" E a distance of 80.43 feet to the point of beginning. The previous four (4) courses bounding along said Lot 1A.

The above described parcel of land contains an area of 13.66 acres, more or less, to be rezoned.

Mr. Travers' motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 3: Selectman Louis Arcudi III moved to transfer \$1,188.37 from Police Expense to Police Salaries to pay a prior year bill. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 4: Finance Committee Member Colleen Strapponi moved to transfer from FY2005 Certified Free Cash the amount of \$201,461 to be expended for the following projects:

School Department, BBC Construction	\$ 5,000
School Department, Mini Van	\$19,500
School Department, Memorial Copier	\$ 7,500
School Department, Computer Equipment	\$52,000
School Department, Bus Lease	\$33,000
Parks Department, Open Space Committee	\$ 4,500
Parks Department, Feasibility Study	\$10,000
Library, External Repairs	\$29,961
Fire Department, 2 SCBAs	\$10,000
Highway Department Truck	\$40,000

The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 5: Alan Ryan moved that the Town of Hopedale accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148 Section 26I, which states: In a city, town or district which accepts the provisions of this section, any building hereafter constructed or hereafter substantially rehabilitated so as to constitute the equivalent of new construction and occupied in whole or part for residential purposes and containing not less than four dwellings units including but not limited to, lodging houses, boarding houses, fraternity houses, dormitories, apartments, townhouses, condominiums, hotels, motels and group residences, shall be equipped with an approved system of automatic sprinklers in

accordance with the provisions of the state building code. In the event that adequate water supply is not available, the head of the fire department shall permit the installation of such other fire suppressant systems as are prescribed by the state building code in lieu of automatic sprinklers. Owners of buildings with approved and properly maintained installations may be eligible for a rate reduction on fire insurance.

The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

At 9:53PM a motion to dissolve the Special Town Meeting Warrant was made, seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

At 9:54PM the Moderator declared the Annual Town Meeting reconvened.

ARTICLE 5: Lou Arcudi moved to pass over the article.

The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 10: Alan Ryan moved to amend Town Bylaw XXII-B, The Personnel Administration By-law, Section 137-17 to adjust the salaries to be paid by an increase of 2% as shown on the Compensation Plan.

The motion was seconded.

Personnel Committee Chair Katherine Pisacane informed the voters that a compensation study was recently completed and submitted to the Board of Selectmen. She asked when the study would be released and acted upon. The Selectmen replied saying they have not made recommendations as of yet and will not release the report until then.

The Moderator called for a vote on the motion. Article 10 carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 11: Finance Committee Chairman James Carroll moved to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal Year 2006 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report. Mr. Carroll read each line item included in the report.

Town Counsel	\$60,000
Town Moderator	225
Selectmen	12,000
Computer	19,195
Town Coordinator	137,908
Finance Committee	1,875
Reserve Fund	68,566
Accountant	76,602
Assessors	121,568

Tax Title	6,500
Treasurer/Collector	142,268
Clerk	26,064
Elections	2,925
Registration	4,600
Parking Clerk	600
Conservation Committee	1,585
Planning Board	4,947
Cable Advisory	58,373
Zoning Board	1,990
Public Building – Town Hall	36,680
Police	774,424
Public Safety Dispatch	174,161
Fire	435,124
Ambulance	127,715
Town Police Detail	6,000
Building Inspector	29,900
Plumbing Inspector	6,500
Electrical Inspector	7,500
Civil Defense	4,600
Dog Officer	6,600
Forestry-Tree Planting	16,200
Forestry-Pest Control	300
Forestry-Dutch Elm	500
Weights & Measures	750
School Department	8,091,223
Highway	378,875
Snow Removal	54,000
Street Lighting	35,000
Cemetery	2,000
Health Department	435,987
Council on Aging	49,598
Veterans	7,143
Commission on Disabilities	150
Library	205,664
Parks	63,979
Red Shop	1,930
Historical Commission	2,850
Memorial Day	300
Cultural Council	4,000
Retirement of Debt: Principal	1,466,165
Interest on Long Term Debt	652,631
Interest on Short Term Debt	83,034
State Assessments	
County Assessments	344,885
Blackstone Vall. Reg. Sch. Dist.	218,969

Cent. Mass. Reg. Planning Dist.	1,290
Unemployment Compensation	40,000
Medicare	120,943
Health & Life Insurance	1,580,528
Liability Insurance	126,001
Workers Compensation	34,125
Water	577,104
Water Bond	46,061
Sewer	444,271
Sewer Bond	83,494

TOTAL **\$17,526,945**

The line items under “Other Local Expenditures” totaling \$445,707 were removed from the budget as they appear on the recap sheet, not the budget.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 13: Planning Board Member Carol Whyte moved to amend the Town of Hopedale’s Zoning By-law by deleting the current Section 2.29A and replacing it with the following:

2.29A Lot Shape Factor/Residential Districts: To meet the minimum area requirements in Residential Districts, a lot must be a closed plot of land having a definite area and perimeter and having a Lot Shape Factor not exceeding the numerical value of 22 in the RA, RA-1, RA-2, RB, RP-1 and RC Districts, and such lots shall not be created to a depth greater than two (2) lots from the principal way. The Lot Shape Factor shall be the numerical value resulting from a division of the square of the perimeter in feet of a lot by the area in square feet thereof.

Mrs. Whyte moved to amend the article to include the newly accepted ARC district. The amendment was seconded and carried.

The motion on the amended article was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 16: Michael Collins moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 19: Dr. James Morin moved the sum of \$630,000 be appropriated to pay costs of replacing water lines in Bancroft Park, Hope and Cemetery Streets, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said

amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(5) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 20: Attorney Joseph Antonellis moved to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to purchase land currently owned by Louis J. Noferi, said land shown as parcel 11-74-2 on the Hopedale Assessors map, being a portion of the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 4982 Page 106, said land being located off Hopedale Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 3.18 acres of land more or less, for the sum of \$350,000 (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) or to take any action relative thereto.

The motion was seconded.

Selectman Alan Ryan moved to amend the motion under Article 20 to read as follows: Article 20: I move that the Town transfer from Stabilization an amount not to exceed \$350,000 (Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars) to acquire, by purchase, gift, or otherwise, land and buildings currently owned by Louis J. Noferi, said land shown as parcel 11-74-2 on the Hopedale Assessors map, being a portion of the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 4982 Page 106, said land being located off Hopedale Street in the Town of Hopedale, consisting of 3.18 acres of land more or less, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed(s) to a fee simple interest or less in all or a portion of the land, or take any action relative thereto.

The motion to amend Article 20 was seconded.

Attorney Joseph Antonellis, representing Mr. Noferi, made a graphical presentation regarding the location of said parcel. The assessed value(s) are in line with the potential sale price.

The Board of Selectmen indicated that there are no plans at this time to develop the parcel but believe it is in the best interest of the Town to purchase this particular piece of real property in anticipation of future use, especially since it is one of the final remaining undeveloped sites in the center of town. Dr. Ruane communicated the fact that there is no agreement that the land will be used for the school department. She made it clear that many Town departments are in need of space. The Board of Selectmen spoke of another parcel located adjacent to this parcel which also abuts Route 16 which will be acted on for a price of not more than \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars). Mr. Robert Moro, Health Board Chair, agreed that it would be wise to purchase these strategically located parcels.

Seeing no other residents requesting to speak, the Moderator called for a vote on the amended Article 20. A voice vote was taken and the amended article was moved unanimously.

At 10:37PM a motion to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant was made, seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.



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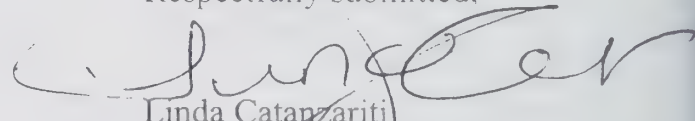
REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Board of Selectmen and
Residents of Hopedale

The following report reflects the financial condition of the Town of Hopedale as of June 30, 2005 and for the year then ended. The financial statements include the combined balance sheet and combined statement of revenues and expenditures.

My first year as Town Accountant has been very rewarding and not short on challenges. With the help of all the great staff members here, I made it through. I would like to thank the various town departments for their assistance, patience and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Catanzariti
Town Accountant

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

	General Fund (1)	Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-36)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
ASSETS								
Cash & Investments:								
Cash & Investments	1,519,488.41	1,547,700.50	226,433.78	148,441.70	287,416.88	1,230,628.25	-	4,960,109.52
Receivables:								
Personal Property	31,096.29							31,096.29
Real Estate	285,783.62							285,783.62
Tax Liens	180,539.82							180,539.82
Deferred Property	12,643.30							12,643.30
Tax Foreclosures	41,966.93							41,966.93
Motor Vehicle Excise	133,590.54							133,590.54
Total Tax and Excise	685,620.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	685,620.50
User Charges								
Other Service				3,513.94	(1,191.15)			2,322.79
Special Assessments				(3,974.85)	4,292.31			317.46
Ambulance Receivable		94,152.42		1,399,653.64	822.42			1,400,476.06
Total User Charges and Assessments	-	94,152.42	-	1,399,192.73	3,923.58	-	-	94,152.42
Total Receivables	685,620.50	94,152.42	-	1,399,192.73	3,923.58	-	-	2,182,889.23
Due from Commonwealth		20,273.90			536,151.26			556,425.16
Amounts To Be Provided:								
Bonds Authorized								
Bonds Authorized and Unissued								
Amounts to be Provided for BANS			2,375,650.00				3,718,117.00 (3,718,117.00)	3,718,117.00 (3,718,117.00)
Amounts to be Provided for Bonds			2,375,650.00				17,703,946.95 17,703,946.95	2,375,650.00 17,703,946.95
TOTAL ASSETS	2,205,108.91	1,662,126.82	2,602,083.78	1,547,634.43	827,491.72	1,230,628.25	17,703,946.95	27,779,020.86

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-36)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
LIABILITIES								
Warrants Payable	241,666.83	88,403.22	37,500.00	19,982.22	58,457.65	308.00		446,317.92
Withholdings	130,325.10							130,325.10
Provision for Abatements/Exemptions	162,638.33							162,638.33
Agency Accounts						126,515.83		126,515.83
Tailings	8,975.76							8,975.76
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	154,241.58							154,241.58
Tax Liens	180,539.82							180,539.82
Deferred Taxes	12,643.30							12,643.30
Tax Foreclosures	41,966.93							41,966.93
Motor Vehicle	133,590.54			1,399,192.73	3,923.58			133,590.54
Water & Sewer		94,152.42						94,152.42
Ambulance		20,273.90	38,000.00		536,151.26			594,425.16
Intergovernmental	522,982.17	114,426.32	38,000.00	1,399,192.73	540,074.84	-		2,614,676.06
Bond Anticipation Notes			2,337,650.00					2,337,650.00
Bond Payable:								
Sewer Plant							800,000.00	800,000.00
Water Expansion							758,946.95	758,946.95
High School Building							12,140,000.00	12,140,000.00
Memorial School Building							4,005,000.00	4,005,000.00
							17,703,946.95	17,703,946.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,066,588.19	202,829.54	2,413,150.00	1,419,174.95	598,532.49	126,823.83	17,703,946.95	23,531,045.95

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

Town of Hopedale							
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures							
June 30, 2005							
	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-36)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Revenue Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)
							Total
REVENUE							
Taxes:							
Personal Property	164,358.24						164,358.24
Real Estate	7,602,298.99						7,602,298.99
Tax Liens Redeemed	239.63						239.63
Motor Vehicle Excise	883,221.72						883,221.72
Penalties & Interest	53,537.45						53,537.45
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	38,971.96						38,971.96
Total Taxes	8,742,627.99	-	-	-	-	-	8,742,627.99
User Charges:							
Water					425,986.82		425,986.82
Sewer				401,663.14			401,663.14
Assessments				103,911.58	68,532.70		172,444.28
Total User Charges	-	-	-	505,574.72	494,519.52	-	1,000,094.24
State Aid	6,932,955.46	821,905.20					7,754,860.66
Other Special Revenue		1,855,569.86					1,855,569.86
Other Local Receipts:							
Charges for Services	49,913.49	166,273.92	-	-	38,496.00	-	254,683.41
Licenses & Permits	96,014.84						96,014.84
Fines & Forfeits	22,234.00						22,234.00
Interest	45,309.59			1,331.49	2,293.86	25,473.31	74,408.25
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	23,587.76					425.00	24,012.76
	237,059.68	166,273.92	-	1,331.49	40,789.86	25,898.31	471,353.26
TOTAL REVENUE	15,912,643.13	2,843,748.98	-	506,906.21	535,309.38	25,898.31	19,824,506.01

Town of Hopedale Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures June 30, 2005								
	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-36)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
EXPENDITURES								
Expenditures:								
General Government	663,655.32	89.76						664,170.08
Police	967,492.95	41,152.92				425.00		1,008,645.87
Fire	523,915.53	20,857.98	338,087.30					882,860.81
Ambulance	109,153.18	7,313.00						116,466.18
Inspectors	43,122.11							43,122.11
Forestry	15,996.49							15,996.49
Other Public Safety	21,276.45	2,994.77						24,271.22
Education	7,840,014.25	2,483,941.17	19,008.68					10,342,964.10
Highway	544,582.04	50,206.27	38,000.00					632,788.31
Sewer				473,618.84				473,618.84
Water			322.13		519,552.09			519,874.22
Other Public Works	38,468.42	772.50						39,240.92
Board of Health	425,739.79	22,932.47						448,672.26
Council on Aging	47,051.62	4,788.35						51,839.97
Veterans	5,098.83							5,098.83
Library	204,487.90	1,079.74				2,322.72		207,890.36
Parks	62,065.50	2,133.35						64,198.85
Council on Arts	4,000.00	1,900.00						5,900.00
Other Culture and Recreation	2,819.48							2,819.48
Debt Service	2,210,492.41							2,329,536.57
State and County Charges	999,277.98			80,648.86	38,395.30			999,277.98
Employee Benefits	1,504,229.09	46,605.73						1,550,834.82
Total Expenditures	16,232,939.34	2,686,768.01	395,418.11	554,267.70	557,947.39	2,747.72	-	20,430,088.27
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	(320,296.21)	156,980.97	(395,418.11)	(47,361.49)	(22,638.01)	23,150.59	-	(605,582.26)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Other Financing Sources	607,872.37	50,000.00	392,650.00	19,728.00				1,070,250.37
Other Financing Uses	(80,727.56)	(195,450.03)				(450,540.00)		(726,717.59)
	527,144.81	(145,450.03)	392,650.00	19,728.00	-	(450,540.00)	-	343,532.78
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	206,848.60	11,530.94	(2,768.11)	(27,633.49)	(22,638.01)	(427,389.41)	-	(262,049.48)



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BOARD OF ASSESSORS FY2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2005 continued to see increases in the value of property.

The tax rate for Fiscal Year 2005 was \$11.50 Residential and \$19.67 Commercial/Industrial and Personal Property. \$7,718,207.86 was collected in Real Estate Taxes and \$884,120 was collected in Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes.

Hopedale continues to offer various exemptions which include veteran's exemptions, blind exemptions, senior exemptions and surviving spouse exemption as well as the senior work program.

During Fiscal Year 2005 the office of the Assessors' began preparing for Fiscal Year 2006 re-certification. The Department of Revenue requires each town to be re-certified every three years.

The Board appointed Teresa M Gonsalves as new member in August of 2004. Teri joins the Board as a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor.

In January of 2005 Gene Phillips resigned his position as Principal Assessor to accept the position of Town Coordinator for Hopedale. The Board of Assessors would like to wish him well in his new position.

Respectfully submitted September 19, 2005
Teresa M Gonsalves Principal Assessor
Lisa Alberto, Chairman of the Board of Assessors

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**Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director**

2005 Annual Report

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR: It is difficult to believe that the fiscal year July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 was my 12th in serving the citizens and students of the Blackstone Valley, and I am pleased to inform you that FY05 was another banner year for Valley Tech. The year culminated with Valley Tech named a 2005 Vanguard Model School by Massachusetts Insight Education, the Class of 2005 becoming the second straight to have 100 percent of its members attain competency determination on the MCAS tests, and two students crowned national champions in their respective vocational technical programs.

Even more noteworthy is that these impressive outcomes were achieved during the next scheduled phase of construction as the Valley Tech campus undergoes a \$36 million expansion and renovation, which will reach its completion during FY06. The project has been a well-planned and well-phased undertaking, but everyone in the Valley Tech family deserves credit for their flexibility and understanding while remaining focused on our objectives and goals. During FY05 District officials moved expeditiously to sell the long term bond for the District's portion of the project, providing short- and long-term debt reductions to each of our thirteen member towns. In these challenging economic times, the District has used shrewd fiscal planning and altered daily operations to remain conservative in its financial requests. I hope our stakeholders share in the pride of the accolades Valley Tech receives. It is an honor to serve as your Superintendent-Director and the resolve to reach even higher levels remains firm.

GETTING BIGGER AND BETTER: The 2004-05 school year was a transitional one for everyone on campus as the \$36 million expansion and renovation project progressed through major phases. The new entrance and two-story classroom wing were opened and utilized, several vocational technical shops were renovated, student services and main office personnel moved to new quarters, the new library media center was available, and the spacious competition center was completed. By the end of FY05, more than 90 percent of the project was complete. An ambitious schedule for the summer of 2005 aimed to keep the entire project on schedule and under budget.

We received another rebate from American National Power/Blackstone in excess of \$68,000 for the energy efficient boilers which now heat the building. The district

incorporated many cost-effective measures into the project, such as light sensors, light tubes, a solar hot water pre-heating system and photovoltaic arrays. We worked closely with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, the Renewable Energy Trust which awarded the District a \$500,000 grant for being a Massachusetts “Green School.” A full case study, prepared in cooperation with a graduate team from Harvard University, outlines the aspects and details of Valley Tech’s environmentally friendly project. The study will be featured on a special state based web site. As we continue to move forward, we are proud that the expansion of our building by more than 80,000 square feet to a total of nearly 300,000 square feet will allow us to gradually increase our student enrollment by nearly 40 percent over the next several years. Obviously it is logistically impossible to accept all of the more than 600 applicants due to space, safety code and state governed program-teacher ratios. However, we aim, with the valued support of our District stakeholders, to meet the needs of a greater number of students.

Valley Tech continues to seek non-taxpayer funds by aggressively pursuing grants, awards and rebates. In FY05, the system secured \$1,441,696 in those types of funds. The total since FY94 is in excess of \$9.2 million.

OUR STUDENTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: When competing against the top students from around the country, Valley Tech students proved they are golden. Erik Macchi of Douglas and Stephen Giardini of Millville captured gold medals in their respective vocational technical fields at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Mo. Macchi won the Technical Drafting competition, while Giardini captured first in Electronics Technology. Four other Valley Tech students who won state gold medals represented Massachusetts at the national conference and Dineen Gosselin of Sutton was elected state Vice President for SkillsUSA Massachusetts.

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS: The FY05 total operating budget for the District was \$12,726,554. The Net School Spending requirement for the District was \$8,867,487. This sum was funded through Chapter 70 Aid of \$4,671,602 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the thirteen member towns totaling \$4,195,885.

In the operation portion of the budget, but outside DOE Net School Spending areas, the District budgeted \$691,358 for transportation costs, \$85,552 for acquisition of fixed assets, and \$408,000 for retiree medical coverage. This was offset by \$360,652 in regional student transportation funds received from the state. In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns supported the school’s operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical. Ever mindful of overall municipal fiscal constraints and the state’s economic status, the District undertook efforts to identify any one-time revenue sources which enabled the system to provide a credit of \$285,000 and a reserve fund balance transfer of \$250,000 to offset the towns’ actual assessments. The member towns also benefited from a one-time, School Committee voted total return of \$100,000 due to higher than anticipated regional transportation aid from the state.

With new legislation forming the Massachusetts School Building Authority and interest rates likely to rise over the next few years, the District moved quickly to sell the long-term bond for its portion of the expansion and renovation. The District secured an advantageous interest rate of 3.95 percent with a \$50,000 premium to offset bond filing

costs. We are extremely pleased to report that just after FY05 closed, the MSBA made a wire transfer to the District for \$20,786,746. The payment, made years earlier than originally thought, represents 75 percent of the state’s share of the expansion and renovation project debt. The other 25 percent of the state’s share will be delivered upon completion of a final audit. The state is paying 75.5 percent of the entire project cost.

The Valley Tech budget request for FY06 was approved by twelve of the thirteen district member towns. The total increase in operating expenses was 5.5 percent over that supported for FY04. By selling the long-term bond of the District’s share of the project, and by applying a one-time venture capital credit of \$100,000 made possible by the superintendent’s private fund-raising, the debt portion of the budget request was reduced by more than \$360,000 (36.7 percent), for a combined budget increase of 2.52 percent.

During this cycle the District devised and implemented multiple strategies to reduce costs and maximize new revenue streams for the operational budget. These included but were not limited to: a reconfiguration of staff, the consolidation of several administrative and support functions, the use of non-supplanting grant subsidies for eligible positions, a recycling partnership, and accepting in-house responsibility for several technological services previously outsourced to private vendors.

The District also received an additional 5.5 acres of donated land which is adjacent to the 23 acres of land that was donated in 2001 to Valley Tech by local attorney Harvey Trask in memory of his parents. The 5.5 acres was donated by Ms. Joyce Zeiner on behalf of the Kenneth J. McGill family. The combined property is earmarked to be developed and conserved as an athletic complex, recreation area, and nature study facility. All activity will be in concert with local town officials and conservation boards.

CLASS OF 2005: Blackstone Valley Tech’s Class of 2005 included the following graduates from Hopedale: John C. Flood, Electronics; Christopher M. Itse, Plumbing; Daniel P. Marquis, Carpentry; Timothy D. Moroney, Culinary Arts; Kimberly E. Patton, Office Technology; Jason P. Webster, Painting & Decorating/Maintenance.

Respectfully submitted by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee,

E. Kevin Harvey, Bellingham, Chairman	Arthur E. Morin, Jr., Milford
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Robert S. Metcalf, Hopedale	

Please Note: This condensed report is provided at the request of municipal authorities. A more detailed report is available from the Office of the Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, 65 Pleasant St., Upton, MA 01568-1499.

The Board of Health submits it's Annual Report of the year ending June 30, 2004.

Once again the Board of Health found itself inundated with a variety of requests and duties and the continued building boom added to an already heavy load.

The 3 member elected board; Peter B. Mitchell, Elizabeth A. Sales and Robert M. Morogran grants variances, holds hearings on non-compliance orders, and promulgates Board of Health Regulations and Policies. The board holds meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The Board of Health's responsibilities continues to be all encompassing and ever expanding.

It is our responsibility to enforce all public health regulations related to the State Sanitary Health Codes, State and Federal and enforce any local regulations promulgated by the Board of Health members.

The main issues we deal with on a day-to-day basis include septic design and installations, housing complaints, trash and nuisance complaints, food establishment, odor and noise complaints and beach water quality. We also investigate rabies issues, asbestos concerns, West Nile Virus concerns and issue burial permits. The board also conducts Health Clinics in conjunction with the Visiting Nurses. We issue licenses for all installers, well permits, camp permits and answer other issues remotely connected to public health, issue Tobacco Licenses, and conducts compliance checks on establishments that sell tobacco products.

The board was faced with enforcing new regulations regarding Recreational Camps. They are soccer, baseball and all sport camps.

Once again the Board of Health sponsored the annual Flu Clinic, which was conducted by the Visiting Nurses Association of the Greater Milford-Northbridge area. In spite of confusion and shortages of the vaccine from the state the Visiting Nurses did an outstanding job.

Because of the event of September 11, 2001 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Has mandated that every town have a disaster plan in place. Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo has been attending various seminars to prepare for such an event if it occurs. The Hopedale Board of Health has conducted a seminar for Smallpox, Anthrax or a Pandemic certification and training. This seminar was in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health presenters were Jane Anderson, Mary Conant health educators Division of Epidemiology and Immunization and Leonard A. Izzo Health

Agent. This certification was attended by Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, Medical Technicians (Fire and Police included).

The State Court system overturned the prohibition on body art in Massachusetts. This board worked hard to promulgate regulations to regulate this new industry. We have had many inquiries. To this date the board has not issued any licenses.

The new Bathing Beach Regulations passed by the Department of Public Health once again effected our daily operations requiring sampling requirements from bi-weekly to weekly. Although the regulation was mandated by the state, no funds were made available to the various Boards of Health to assist with the increased testing.

The second is a floor drain regulation as a preventive measure to preserve and protect the Town of Hopedale's drinking water resources from discharges of pollutants to the ground in floor drains.

As you can see the Board of Health has to deal with a variety of complex issues. This office does it's ultimate to answer questions in a timely fashion, return calls quickly and respond to resident complaints in an appropriate time frame.

Everyone believes that his/her situation is of the ultimate importance but unfortunately we are forced to prioritize on a daily basis. This office has only one employee on a daily basis. I make every effort to do my best to answer all questions and resolve the problem and enforce the regulations we are empowered to administer.

Respectfully submitted:
Leonard A. Izzo Health Agent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2005

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale, I hereby submit the report of the Building / Zoning Department for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005

The Building /Zoning Department consists of: Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Michael Tusino (dept. head); Electrical Inspector, Joseph Scanzaroli; Plumbing and Gas Inspector, John Fontana, and Assistant Building Inspector Michael Giampietro.

The Building Department is a part-time department which poses a constant challenge to keep up with the pace of construction throughout town as well as provide quality service to the taxpayers. I believe that the Building Department staff continually exceeds this challenge and I thank them for this.

The Estimated cost of construction throughout town was \$ 7,277,580.

The following is a breakdown of departmental activity:

Building Permits were issued as follows:

Single Family Dwellings	12	Residential Additions	16
Two Family Dwellings	3	Residential Renovations	36
Decks	14	Sheds	16
In Ground Pools	6	Above Ground Pools	8
Roofing	16	Wood Stoves	3
Garages	4	Signs	5
Certificate of Inspection	20	Tenant Fit-Up	4
Commercial Buildings	3	Commercial Addit./Ren.	7

Building Inspections:	289	Building Permits:	173	Permit Fees:	\$55,523.04
Electrical Inspections:	252	Electrical Permits:	158	Permit Fees:	\$8,923.00
Plumbing Inspections:	155	Plumbing Permits:	86	Permit Fees:	\$5,271.00
Gas Inspections:	78	Gas Permit:	80	Permit Fees:	\$3,745.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Tusino
Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer

The Hopedale Cable Advisory Board consists of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. At present there are three members; they are: Harry Murphy, Chairman, Kevin Rozak, vice chairman and Meg McElroy, secretary. There are 2 open positions and the Board actively recommends that anyone interested in filling either of these positions contact the town coordinator.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the operation of the local cable channel, Cable Channel 8. This channel is the local access channel and all local cable programs are broadcast on this channel.

The local cable studio is ably operated by Artie Maggiore. Artie produces all current programming and is available to assist others with their efforts.

The cable office is located on the upper floor of the Hopedale town hall. The cable office is funded entirely by Comcast at no expense to the taxpayers of the Town of Hopedale. Comcast has a contractual agreement that pays the town 4% of the total local cable revenue. This money is, by contract, to be used for the funding and maintenance of the local cable office and production facilities.

In the past year, this board has made a concerted effort to increase the amount of local cable programming. We have instituted regular hours of operation for the studio. The studio is open every Monday thru Thursday from 11:00am to 3:00pm or by appointment. Anyone interested in broadcasting on the local channel may visit the studio during normal hours or may contact Mr. Maggiore by phone.

This board takes pride in the relationship that we have developed with the Hopedale schools and in particular with Mr. Thomas Fisher's cable classes. We have donated several pieces of equipment to the schools, to be used in their classroom programs. This equipment was needed, but due to budgetary constraints, the school was unable to purchase.

Also, in the past year, we have been broadcasting, on tape, Hopedale boy's basketball. We look forward to expanding school sports programming, as well as other local programming, as volunteers come forward.

Respectfully submitted, Harry Murphy, Chairman.



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Town Clerk

Janet Orff Jacaruso

June 30, 2005

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

As I complete my first full year as Hopedale's Clerk, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many people who have passed on their wisdom, shared their experience, contributed to my professional growth, and aided in the improvements to the Office. I have come to learn the Town possesses dedicated and knowledgeable staffs and boards who take pride in working to ensure the delivery of quality services, often under demanding circumstances and serious budget constraints. I am happy to be one of the "team" who strives to make Hopedale the best it can be.

Fiscal Year 2005 was extremely busy and fulfilling. Three Special Town Meetings and the Annual Town Meeting were held in FY05. Several important by-law changes and the fiscal planning for the Town are detailed in the minutes generated by this Office and are printed elsewhere in this publication. The Office also planned and conducted three elections: the September Primary, the November Presidential Election and the Annual Town Election.

The Town Census was successfully completed and I am happy to report that, through tenacious attention to detail, the response rate was over 98%. I cannot stress enough the importance of census response. Many facets of town government use census information on a regular basis for grant applications and supplemental aide requests which boost the Town's income and therefore reflect favorably in our tax rate. I encourage every household to return their completed census; in doing so the tax dollars you save could be your own! List of Residents books are available for purchase in the Clerk's Office.

The following 2004 events were registered in the Town's records: eighty-five (85) births, fifty-three (53) deaths and eleven (11) marriages.

The Seniors involved in the Tax Credit Program processed numerous dog registrations and census materials. The Vital Records Archival Project was continued. Additional materials were needed, but due to lack of funds the project will not be completed until October. I thank the ladies for their high quality of work and camaraderie.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Orff Jacaruso.

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Annual Report

July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005

This year marks the Council on Aging's thirty-fifth anniversary. Much has changed since our inception. Originally viewed as a department with primarily a "social" function, we have evolved into a department that provides a wide array of information, services and programs to Hopedale's senior population. Hopedale's elder population, age sixty and older comprises eighteen (18) percent of the town's total population. The Council acts as a unified body and represents the interests of this diverse group of residents.

Most critical of our core service programs are local and out-of-town medical transportation, the delivery of meals through "The Meals on Wheels Program", enrollment in the federal Fuel Assistance program, health insurance counseling, podiatry and flu clinics and crisis assistance for elders and their caregivers. The Council on Aging is the gateway to the elder services network. During the past year we serviced over two thousands (2000) calls from seniors, their children and local aging agencies. The predominant topics on which seniors seek information are transportation, healthcare insurance, Medicare, prescription drug insurance coverage, housing, real estate tax relief and caregiver support. The past few year have brought us an increasing number of adult children seeking information regarding services for their aging parents.

The Council on Aging is one of the few if only town departments which successfully shares services with a neighboring town. We have entered the fifth year of collaboration with the Milford COA and the Blackstone Valley Consortium of COAs to provide local and out of town medical transportation services to seniors. Transportation services remain the most critical of seniors' needs. In FY'2005 we provided one hundred (115) trips (medical/local) for seniors with no means of transportation. We continue to see a need to expand transportation services to enable the senior center to transport seniors to various programs for socialization and congregate meals. It is important to note that our grocery, personal and mall shopping transportation is conducted in collaboration with the Hopedale School System. The District provides the COA with school buses and drivers at a nominal fee.

Our monthly programs range from those which provide medical and legal information to programs which are purely cultural or social. We provide opportunities for seniors to volunteer their time using their skills and talents either creating items for needy children or reading in the Public Schools. Additionally, the Council on Aging has developed strong relationships and joint annual programming with the Hopedale Schools, Fire and Police Departments, the Girl Scouts and Draper Place, a local Assisted Living Facility. The Annual Senior Citizen Breakfast at the High School and winter and spring concerts with the Elementary School are anticipated events. This past year, the VNA in conjunction with the Hopedale Board of Health chose to hold one of the annual town Flu Clinics at the senior center (Community House) instead of the Town Hall. The change in location helped draw many additional seniors to the center who sought information on various aging related issues.

The COA completed the twelfth year of the Senior Tax Credit Program. This highly successful program enables seniors age sixty (60) and over, who own property in Hopedale, to obtain a tax credit of \$750.00 in exchange for one hundred and eleven (111) hours of work in various town departments. In FY'2005, the program had eighteen (18) participants. Hopedale benefits greatly from our senior employees. Many who participate in the program go on to volunteer their services to the town long after the completion of their required hours.

For over thirty-five years, The Community House Foundation has generously gifted "the senior room" to the town of Hopedale. However, a single room with no differentiated office space for business, programs and confidential meetings, the lack of handicapped accessibility beyond the first floor of the building and juggling for space with the Community House who has its own growing schedule of activities are major reasons to consider building a free-standing senior center. The Council on Aging requires new attention and resources to meet the growth that has occurred over the past thirty-five years and to provide future services to aging baby boomers.

The Council on Aging continues to handle the Federal Fuel Assistance program for the town of Hopedale. We are currently serving more non-elders than elders. The people who seek our assistance are among the most indigent in town. We are the only town-wide human service agency. Therefore, we not only address their fuel needs but issues of food assistance and housing as well.

Lastly, a large thank you is extended to the COA staff assistant, Tootsie Deletti and to our wonderful unpaid staff, our sixty (60) volunteers. And finally, to all of the Council on Aging board members, thank you for all your time and support throughout the year.

The Council on Aging Board Members are:

Chairwoman	Claudette Hughes
Vice Chairwoman	Pat Johnson
Secretary	Barbara Delphos
Members	Ed Holland
	Virginia Potty
	Julia Manning
	Nanclilee Fuller

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Mullen
Director

Hopedale Cultural Council Annual Report, 2004-2005

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated \$2,000 for local aid to the arts, humanities and interpretative science. The local council awarded the following:

Audio Journal Inc.
"Windows to the World"
Media Arts, \$250

Bancroft Memorial Library
Museum Fine Arts Pass Program
Visual Arts, \$400

Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming
"Heroic Women You Can Talk To"
Storytelling, \$200

Greater Milford Ballet
The Nutcracker Ballet
Dance, \$400

Milford Performing Arts Center
The Boars Head Feast and Festival
Theater, \$450

Total Approved Grant Amount for Hopedale Cultural Council: \$2000

The Town allocated \$3,800, which enabled the Cultural Council to organize the Wednesday night summer band concerts. There were eight performances in the series with refreshment concessions offered by local organizations.

The annual Day in the Park festival was held on Sunday, September 18, 2004 at the Town Park. Live music and entertainment, adult fine art show, craft booths, a one-mile road race for children, games and food concessions provided fun for all ages.

A scholarship in the amount of \$300 was awarded to a graduating Hopedale High School senior of the Class of 2004.

A student Art Show for ages 3-18 years was held at the Community House on December 7, 2004, which had 179 pieces of art exhibited.

The Council wishes to extend an invitation to members of the community who are interested in promoting our activities to join the council.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Nolan Pisacane
LCC Chairperson
September 30, 2005

Wilma Manning, Co-Chair
Ellen Murphy, Treasurer
Sally Decelles, Secretary
Joanne Andreotti
Ann LaBrode
Ann-Marie Lockwood
Virginia Larkin
Patty Samalis
Dorothy Suszanska

Hopedale Fire Department

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Hopedale Fire Department hereby submits its Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. This report includes fire and emergency medical service (EMS) responses for calendar year 2004 as well as the activities of the fire prevention office for fiscal year 2005.

Emergency Responses

While requests for emergency assistance increased 8% overall from 2003, calendar year 2004 realized only \$16,340 in property loss from fire damage. This is a change of nearly \$460,000 from 2003 when the town experienced several serious structure fires. In fact, the largest dollar loss fire was \$4,000 to a duplex located at 21 Peace Street. For the first time in many years no civilians suffered reportable burn injuries and the fire department recorded just two firefighters injured in the line of duty. Both injuries were minor in nature and there was no time lost as a result.

Personnel

The department welcomed the promotion of Leslie Fosburgh from the Call Department to the permanent staff. FF/EMT Fosburgh is a Hopedale resident and a former member of the Hinsdale, New Hampshire Fire Department. The full-time staff remains at six firefighters and one fire chief. The Call Fire Department continues to experience staffing problems with only ten Call firefighters now being members. The opportunity to draw volunteers and part-time firefighters continues to dwindle as citizens decreased the number of hours per week that they give back to their communities. The other contributing factor is the distance that residents must travel to and from work, limiting the amount of time for available for such endeavors. Appointments within the department included David McMorro as Fire Investigator and Fire Inspector, Thomas M. Daige as Fire Instructor, Richard Gleason, Jr. as Maintenance Officer, and Patrick Evans as S.A.F.E. Officer. Paul Barry serves as the department's Infection Control Officer. All firefighters participate in a minimum of four hours training per month whether they are on duty or participate in Wednesday night training sessions. EMS Director Mark Bucchino continued to provide valuable service both in regards to his knowledge and experience in the EMS field and also with his technological capabilities.

Emergency Responses

<i>EMS responses:</i>	<i>649 (10% increase from calendar year 2003)</i>
<i>Fire responses:</i>	<i>323 (3% increase from calendar year 2003)</i>
<i>Total Responses 2003:</i>	<i>972 (8% increase from 2003)</i>
<i>Mutual Aid Responses:</i>	<i>32 Received from other communities</i>
	<i>88 Given to other communities</i>

Fire Prevention Office

Permits issued: 347 (359 in 2003, 348 in 2002, 355 in 2001, 342 in 2000, 297 in FY99)

Associated activities: 812 (699 in 2003, 752 in 2002, 347 in 2001, 310 in 2000, 303 in FY99)

>includes investigation of complaints, violations issued, fire drills conducted, fire alarm tests, building inspections, building plan reviews, fire safety classes, etc.

Fees Collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer FY2004

Fire Prevention Office: \$3,686.00 (\$4,391.00 in FY2004)

Hazardous Materials Incident Reimbursements: \$ 0 (\$0 in FY2004)

Fire Incident Reimbursement: \$0.00 (\$150 in FY2004)

Fire Alarm Service Fee Collected: \$4,500.00 (\$4,125 in FY2004)

Ambulance transportation receipts: \$164,454.40 (\$135,096.18 in FY2004)

Total Fees Turned Over to the Town: \$172,640.40 (\$143,762.18 in FY2004)

Ambulance Service ALS Expense and Billing Fee: \$10,151.10 (\$9,771.85 in FY2004)

Ambulance Service Expense FY2002: \$120,188.70 (includes \$13,994.12 cost of contaminated soil removal at 50 Dutcher Street)

Municipal UST Reimbursement (fire station): \$2,615.00

Federal Disaster Reimbursement (winter storm Dec. 6-7, 2003): \$22,855.57

Grants Received:

Mass. Firefighter Safety & Equipment: \$21,000

Mass. Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE): \$1,496.52 for fire prevention supplies and overtime

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fire Act Grant: \$157,500 for a new 3,000 gallon tanker truck

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Local Emergency Preparedness: \$12,800

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Citizen's Corps: \$2,500

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Citizens Emergency Response Team: \$1,000

Unibank for Savings Emergency Responders Training Grant: \$1,000

Total Grant Awards FY2004: \$196,796.52

Total General Donations of Equipment and In-Kind Services: \$72,530.30

Fire Station Renovation Reaches Substantial Completion

Substantial completion of the historic fire station renovation and two-bay addition was reached in August 2004, about three months behind schedule. A punch list of items, the responsibility of the general contractor, was being worked on at the close of 2004. The fire station is a magnificent compliment to the character of Hopedale. Complete with a glazed brick apparatus bay, oak trimmed woodworking detail on the first and second floors, original brass slide poles and copper fire doors, the true worth of this structure can only be measured in an appreciation of what was saved and renovated. The building is equipped with an air purge system that activates when carbon monoxide gases exceed safe working standards. A modern fire detection, notification, and protection system has been installed as well as all utility components replaced. Through donations and grant awards we have constructed modern radio consoles in both the Communications Room and the new Emergency Operations Center located in the basement level. The department is looking forward to sponsoring a rededication ceremony upon completion of the few remaining punch list items.

Soil contamination discovered while excavating for the new addition was partially re-mediated in FY2005. An area consisting of ten feet beyond the new foundation footprint was cleaned of petroleum to allow the renovation project to continue. The next step for remediation will be to sink recovery wells after it is determined to what extent the contamination has spread from the property.

Our department received generous donations exceeding \$72,000 towards completion of the project. Significant donations of equipment and labor have been received from B&J Electric, Inc., Mr. Fran Marcoux, Braun's Express, Frank's Appliance, Inc., Howe's Welding, Inc., Hopedale Call Firefighters Association, Hopedale Firefighters Association, EMC Corporation, and Mr. David Carchio. The permanent firefighter staff continues to put every effort into maintaining the building and is proud to call the fire station home.

EMS Service

The EMS service provided 649 emergency ambulance responses during calendar year 2004. Of this total 190 persons were provided Advanced Life Support (ALS) by one of the ALS teams assisting our department, including the Milford-Whitinsville Regional Hospital Paramedics, American Medical Response, Pathways, and the Town of Mendon Fire Department Paramedic Service. Our EMS system continues to provide excellent service to the community with a response rate of one to three minutes. Hopedale EMS provides the services of a Type III Class 1 modular ambulance purchased in 2001 through the collection of ambulance fees. This vehicle will be replaced in FY2007. Increased transportations resulted receipts of approximately \$44,000 over FY2004 and early indications for FY2006 are that this trend will continue. It is estimated that the ambulance service should continue to operate in the black for the next five years or so.

Goals of the Fire Department for the Coming Years

The Hopedale Fire Department, like many others in New England, is experiencing a serious shortage of part-time firefighters. Efforts to increase the Call firefighter staffing have resulted in the certification of several new personnel, but at the same time we have lost just as many to outside work or members moving out of town. The high school intern program continues to be successful and has resulted in six former students remaining with department. There needs to be a better solution to this issue and that could lie in more compensation for the part-time staff or increasing the amount of permanent staff already employed full-time. Regardless, a shortage of manpower remains our number one dilemma. The second most pressing issue is the need to replace Ladder 1, a 1973 Maxim 85 foot aerial truck. The vehicle was due for replacement in 2003 and must be replaced this coming year due to age and safety considerations. The third most pressing issue is the annual operating budget. While call volume and inspectional services increasing annually our yearly operating budget has been level funded or cut over the past two years. It is becoming difficult to manage the department with insufficient funds to meet general expenses and to replace firefighting equipment.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of all the members of the Hopedale Fire Department we would like to take this opportunity to thank the various Boards, Commissions, and other town departments that we have worked with over the past year. The positive relationship between all departments is a true asset to the community. We also wish to thank Tom Daige for the extraordinary job that he has done training the members of our Call Department. Tom donates hundreds of hours to this important task and the results have been very apparent. Of course, we also wish to recognize and thank the citizens of Hopedale for their ongoing support and the financial backing of our Department. Because you continue to believe in us we are able to bring top-level emergency service to you and your loved ones.

Please visit our new website at www.hopedalefire.com

Respectfully submitted,

Scott D. Garland
Fire Chief

Hopedale Fire Department Roster 2004-2005

Scott D. Garland, Fire Chief

(Vacant), Deputy Chief of Operations

Mark P. Bucchino, EMS Director

Reverend Christopher Dodge, Chaplain

Jay Appell, Videographer

Permanent Firefighter/EMT's

Paul A. Barry
David J. McMorrow
Patrick W. Evans

Thomas M. Daige
Richard J. Gleason, Jr.
Leslie N. Fosburgh, Jr. (appt. 10/2004)

Call Firefighters

James S. MacLean*, Captain

Engine Company #4

Daniel H. Lopez, Lieutenant/EMT
Mark Marcotte, Private
Leslie N. Fosburgh, Private/EMT

Engine Company #3

Harold V. Murphy, Private/EMT
Donald K. Mailing, Private/EMT
Ryan T. Jenkins, Private
Michael Goncalves, Private
Mark P. Bucchino, Acting Lieutenant

Ladder Company #1

Vernon D. Gross, Lieutenant/EMT
Paul D. Grindle*, Private (LA)
Michael Ciaramicoli, Private
Joseph Avellino, Substitute Firefighter
Patricia Diamond, Substitute Firefighter

Thomas Betschart, Substitute Firefighter
Michael Tarella, Substitute Firefighter
Rob Minichiello, Substitute Firefighter
Jason Ferris, Substitute Firefighter

*did not serve a full year

Apparatus Inventory of the Hopedale Fire Department

Engine 2: 2002 Emergency One 1,500 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 1,000 gallons of water and Class A and Class B foam units in very good condition

Engine 3: 1993 Pierce Freightliner 1,250 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 720 gallons of water and Class A foam unit in good condition

Engine 4: 1987 Maxim 1,000 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 1,000 gallons of water, out of service, currently being refurbished

Ladder 1: 1973 Maxim 85 foot aerial truck in fair condition, must be replaced

Rescue 1: 1994 E.J. Murphy Ford Super Duty light duty all-wheel drive rescue truck in fair condition

Tanker 1: 1975 General military surplus all-wheel drive tanker containing 1,200 gallons of water in fair condition

Ambulance 1: 2001 Wheeled Coach Ford E450 Type III modular ambulance in good condition

Brush 1: 2002 Fire One Ford F350 all-wheel drive forest firefighting pumping engine with Class A foam and 175 gallons of water

Car 1: 2000 Ford Expedition with Odyssey command console and thermal imaging receiver in good condition

Boat 1: 2002 Zodiac 10'2" rubber inflatable bottom boat with 9.9 Mercury motor in very good condition

All Hazards Unit: 2003 17' Limberger utility trailer in very good condition

Hopedale Historical Commission Annual Report 2005

The Hopedale Historical Commission has concentrated its efforts this past year on raising the final funds needed for the restoration of the Red Shop. As a result of their combined efforts, the Red Shop Committee and the Historical Commission have been successful in receiving two grants for the restoration project. The state Historical Commission has awarded the Red Shop restoration project \$100,000 and the Mass Highway Commission has augmented the funds with a \$10,000 grant to help develop plans for the Red Shop as a tourist stop in the Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor. This funding, combined with the funds appropriated by the town and the funds raised by the Friends of Historic Hopedale, will insure that the restoration takes place in the near future.

The recent recognition of the Hopedale Village National Register Historic District has been a catalyst for receiving these grant funds and moving forward with the establishment of the Red Shop Museum. The Friends of Historic Hopedale have actively sought funding through a variety of events including the popular and elegant 'Crystal Ball' held in the winter of each year.

The support of the Friends enables the Historical Commission to continue its mission to educate residents of Hopedale and neighboring towns about the importance of Hopedale in the global textile industry. The John H. Chaffee Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor Commission (BRVHCC) also has promoted Hopedale as a gateway community to the Blackstone Valley. The BRVHCC provides many brochures and calendars identifying locations within the Blackstone Valley for recreational and educational activities. These brochures are available at the Bancroft Memorial Library and the Hopedale Town Hall.

The Historical Commission will not rest on its laurels with the accomplishment of the Red Shop restoration. There are several other locations in town that need to be recognized as historic sites. The Green Store on the corner of South Main Street and Hartford Ave, the South Hopedale Cemetery and the identification of the Albee Corn Mill are all locations that the Historical Commission wants to officially recognize.

During the past year, Commission member Dan Malloy has been working tirelessly in preserving and recording many historical artifacts that have been donated to Hopedale by the William F. Draper family. Dan has made copies on acid-free paper and established a filing system that will benefit future researchers. Dan also has developed his own web site with important stories and anecdotes about Hopedale, its residents and its past -- collected from a variety of sources. Dan's web site is <http://www.geocities.com/daninhopedale/>

The members of the Historical Commission wish to thank all of the supporters of our work beginning with our State Senator Richard Moore and State Representative Marie Parente as well as those who support the fundraising efforts of the Friends of Historic Hopedale. We are very proud of the history of Hopedale and are working diligently to spread the word about the unique character of the town of Hopedale.

Respectfully submitted, Merrily Sparling, Chair
Dan Malloy

Robert "Zeke" Hammond

Tara Chambers, Secretary
Alan Ryan

Elaine Malloy
Fred Oldfield

South Hopedale Historic Cemetery Annual Report

I am pleased to report that our Town Cemetery has been and continues to be well maintained by Caretaker George Bushnell.

The Committee would like to see the chains at the main gate and walkways replaced with wrought iron gates or white wooden gates. The granite post at one of the walkways is broken and needs to be replaced. Additionally the flag pole needs to be repainted.

A water tap should be installed to allow for watering of flowers and grass.

Hopefully funding to accomplish these goals will be forthcoming.

Efforts are in process to have the Hopedale Town Cemetery put on the records of the National Register by the Hopedale Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta F. Simmons

June 30, 2005

HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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REPORT FOR THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2005

The annual meeting of the Authority was held on June 13, 2005, the following were elected or appointed to office:

Karen Villani	Chairman	2010
Louis Trevani	Vice Chairman	2006
* Edith Francis	Treasurer	
Robert Hammond	Asst. Treasurer	2008
Paula Malloy	Asst. Secretary	2009
Katherine E. Consigli	Executive Director and Secretary	
*State Appointee		

The Housing for Elderly, Project 667-1 and 667-2, known as Griffin-Dennett Apartments, consist of eighty apartments and is managed according to the regulations set forth by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Authority meets on the second Monday of each month and the annual meeting is held on the second, Monday in May. The Authority held ten regular meetings, three special meetings to date.

The Authority, replaced the windows in the 667-2 project, Dennett Apartments, the property is continual maintained and upgraded, throughout the year to insure a safe and healthy environment for all of its tenants.

A new Plaque in Honor of Edward J. Malloy, now hangs in the Hall, the renovations were completed in the hall, new furniture, a new rug and kitchen floor was installed, new tables were purchased for the tenants. The Hopedale Fire Department conducted fire drills and fire safety procedures, the Friends of the Elders hosted a cookout for all the Tenants, a Garden Club was formed by the tenants, a new handicapped ramp was installed on building 104, and eight new automatic doors were installed. The Hopedale Tenant Organization was reorganized and new members were elected. Cable was installed for the television in the Hall and a television was purchased for the Dennett Laundry room. Storage shed were purchased for all the tenants, the sidewalks were all seal coated this year.

The Authority is in the process of replacing some of the outdoor light fixtures and installing a new sign and refurbishing the present signs.

89 Respectfully Submitted
Katherine E. Consigli
Executive Director

Bancroft Memorial Library **Annual Report July 2004 – June 2005**

The Trustees would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of the library for their cooperation during the summer months when the search for a new Library Director was conducted. Their efforts kept the library operating smoothly as they assumed tasks that they do not normally perform. Many thanks to Elaine Kraimer, Wendy Sullivan, Pandora Pillsbury, Sara Sartori and Walter Manczurowsky Sr.

New Director - As of September 7, 2004, the new Library Director, Merrily Sparling, assumed her duties and immediately jumped into the work needing to be completed. She is a long time Hopedale resident and came to the library after working at the Wellesley Free Library as the Assistant Director and the Director of the Millis Public Library. Her previous library experience and her involvement with the Hopedale Historical Commission and the Friends of Historic Hopedale will benefit the historic Bancroft Memorial Library.

Long Range Plan - Among the first tasks accomplished was the Long Range Plan due on October 1, 2004. The submission of the Long Range Plan to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) enables the library to apply for LSTA grants to support library programs and services. Membership in the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System is also a prerequisite for grant applications. Other annual reports for the Town and Financial and Compliance reports for the MBLC were completed in October.

Online Circulation System - The major accomplishment of the year was the implementation of the online circulation system with the Central and Western Massachusetts Resource Sharing (CWMARS) Network in the Bancroft Memorial Library on November 1, 2004. As the library collection has been entered into the database over the past few years, the staff only required training to operate the online circulation system. The system allows all materials to be checked out and checked in online. Library patrons have been given new library cards with barcodes and these can be used in all of the libraries within the CWMARS network, essentially from Route 495 to the New York border. In addition, patrons may request books from other libraries either at their home library or on their home computer.

The regional delivery system deliver materials to Hopedale three days per week which enables patrons to return books to other libraries if that is more convenient. As a result of the delivery system, the number of books requested from Hopedale and delivered to Hopedale has increased dramatically this year. The following statistics demonstrate the increase:

2004:

Delivered to Hopedale = 402 items

Requested from Hopedale = 84 items

2005:

Delivered to Hopedale = 1110 items

Requested from Hopedale = 1223 items

These statistics also indicate that Hopedale's collection is valuable not only to our patrons but to other libraries. As a result of the above statistics and other factors, the library opened on Fridays and Saturdays during May and June to test the demand for additional hours. The Trustees and Director will be considering opening additional hours

in the Fall in response to the number of patrons who responded positively to the added hours.

Grants - Several grants have been received or applied for through the Local Cultural Council and the MBLC for the upcoming fiscal year. The pass for the Museum of Fine Arts for \$400 was supported by the Cultural Council Grant. In addition the Children's Room received funding from the Cultural Council for a program during Woman's History Month.

Two LSTA grants have been submitted to the MBLC. On the Same Page, a town wide book discussion grant for \$3880 and a Preservation Survey, to assess the entire collection and storage issues for \$2500. These grants will be announced during August.

Financial Reports and Budget Preparation – Another annual activity is the budget preparation and financial reports. All town departments were requested to submit “level funded” budgets for the upcoming fiscal year “FY06”. The Trustees and the Library Director worked with the Town Administrator and Finance Committee to develop a budget that would provide basic services for the library. The tight budget for the town did not provide for any capital budget items other than the need repairs to the library roof. The renovation of the program room was put on hold for another year.

Programs and Services – Library services have been greatly enhanced by automating the circulation system and how the system handles patron requests to other libraries. The system also provides for more accurate reporting of statistics on the collection and circulation figures.

The Children's Librarian, Elaine Kraimer, has developed many activities and story hours for the children of Hopedale. Preschool Story hours are always a great success. Sessions are held in the Fall and Winter. Mrs. Kraimer maintains coordination with the elementary and Jr/Sr High Schools to support summer reading programs. The Summer Reading Program not only provides young patrons with an opportunity to keep up with their reading skills during the summer but provides for fun programs and crafts to enhance their reading enjoyment.

Eagle Scout Project - Steven Mazzarelli, Eagle Scout candidate, completed an inventory of the libraries collection of historical materials. These materials were housed in various bookcases, vaults and cabinets. With the completed inventory, researchers will now be able to identify specific materials relevant to their research. In addition, the inventory spreadsheet will allow the staff to sort the materials and store like objects together. This project will serve many patrons and library staff for many years. Thank you Steve.

Friends of the Hopedale Library - The Friends of the Hopedale Library are one of the great benefactors of the library. The funds raised through their Annual Book Sale provides the funding to support programs and passes for our patrons.

This year the Friends provided the funding to establish a "Young Adult" area just outside the Marjorie E. Hattersley Children's Room. It has proved to be a popular reading/game area for the young adult patrons.

A new fundraising project from the Friends is their “ongoing book sale” which has been a great success. The book cart is located just inside the front door of the library and patrons can purchase “gently used” paperbacks and hard covers at exceptional bargains.

The Trustees would also like to thank the Hopedale Foundation for their generous support of the pass program and grants for library services. In addition, many thanks to the residents who remember the library annually with financial support and memorial donations.

A new activity provided this year was the first Annual Holiday Sale by Hopedale fundraising organizations. High School classes, Friends of Music, Friends of Historic Hopedale, Friends of Adin Ballou in addition to the Friends of the Bancroft Library were able to sell their fundraising items at the library during the month between Thanksgiving and the holidays. This provided an opportunity for the residents of Hopedale to support their favorite organizations and do their holiday shopping at the same time.

Customer Service – The Trustees are very enthusiastic about the “new” atmosphere at the Bancroft Memorial Library. The staff’s friendly demeanor and their willingness to provide excellent service to the patrons has brought about this welcome change. Patrons are encouraged to stop by the library, let us know what you think about the added hours on Friday afternoons and any other services you would like the library to offer. Stop by and “Check it out”!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kelly Verdolino, Chair
Kathi Wright, Secretary
Frederick Oldfield III



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"Preserving the Legacy" Meg McElroy-Chair / Rick Espanet / Susan Kincaid "Embracing the Future"
Park Operations Director: Mark Sesona

Meetings 1st Wednesday of the month at Town Hall - broadcast live on Cable Channel 8,
Visit our online virtual office at: <http://www.hopedale-ma.gov>

106th Year, 94th Annual Town Report

October 2004-October 2005 was a busy period for the Park Commission as we continued to maximize available funds and resources to improve our operations, and preserve and upgrade recreational facilities and open-space. Land under our stewardship includes: Town Park, Hopedale Pond/Parklands, Mellen Field, Adin Ballou Park, and the Rt.16/Adin Street triangle. By agreement, we also serve as a Town intermediary for activities at the privately-held Draper Field facility.

Past Year Milestones

➤ **Projects:**

1. **Park tennis courts repaired, leveled and resurfaced.** Work performed by Vermont Tennis Court Surfaces Inc. If we remain vigilant in discouraging non-tennis-related activities from being conducted on the courts, the current surface should serve the Town quite well for several years to come.
2. **90 yd. of storm drain overflow material removed from Hopedale Pond.** Hydro-raking project conducted by Aquatic Control Technology removed a large sand bar created over the past of 20 years by accumulated road sand entering the pond from storm drains in the Northrup/Dutcher St. area.
3. **Informational kiosks installed as part of Boy Scout Eagle project.** Sturdy wooden kiosks with shingled-roof overhangs and a Plexiglas-enclosed message space were placed at the Town Park between the first and second tennis courts, at the bath house entrance to the Parklands, and at the Freedom St.-south entrance to the Parklands. From concept to completion the project was carried out by Eagle Scout candidate Jeff Brown of Mill Street under the tutelage of scout sponsor Rich Breese, and with the assistance of fellow members of Hopedale Troop 1.
4. **Improvements made to Town Park ballfield.** Operations Director Mark Sesona supervised several aesthetic and safety initiatives to improve the ballfield area. In early spring a 10-ton vibrating roller was brought in to level-out frost heaves and uneven areas. This effort, combined with nightly watering through the spring and summer improved the playability of the infield significantly – eliminating the need for costly reconstruction. In addition, infield baselines were widened and re-cut to eliminate lips, and 30 yd. of premium infield mix was added – courtesy of a generous donation from the good people at Varney Bros. Repairs were made to the backstop fence, and safety fencing was added in front of each dugout.

5. **Town Park comfort station interior painted and carpentry work done.** Following a botched arson attempt in May which could have easily destroyed this 101 year old structure, the interior was professionally cleaned of soot and Park staff painted each side and re-worked stalls and internal fixtures. Wiring was improved as well.
6. **Car-top boat access improved at Hopedale Pond.** Based on online and live feedback from residents at our monthly meetings, in September 2005 fencing was removed from the entire town Beach area, and with the help and cooperation of the Highway Dept., a 30' gravel/stone dust access way was cut on the south side of the old Town Beach area. When completed in spring 2006, this area will provide convenient drop-off (only) access areas for canoes, kayaks, and small boats. We also hope to add some natural landscaping and shade trees, as well as benches and a picnic table or two. Access parking will continue to be on Hopedale Street, and a 10 hp outboard motor limit will be strictly enforced.
7. **Stone work done at Town Park.** Repairs made to south entrance way and wall along Freedom St.

➤ **Zero Tolerance on Vandalism:**

http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Parks/regs/zero

In conjunction with the Hopedale Police Dept., the Park Commission continues a stringent Zero Tolerance police against vandalism occurring on property under our care. Security cameras will be installed shortly at Town Park – procured under the Town's available Homeland Security allocation - as obtained by Fire Chief Garland.

- **Spring Election:** Susan Kincaid was elected to fill the three year term (expiring 2008), vacated by Jim Binney. Meg McElroy (term expires 2006) was named chairman and Rick Espanet (term expires 2007), assumed treasurer duties. The Board wishes to thank Jim for his time and service to the community.

Ad-Hoc Committees

➤ **HARFC (Hopedale Athletic and Recreational Fields Committee)**

http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Parks/harfc

The Committee met infrequently in 2005 following receipt of a proposal from Phillip Shwachman, property owner of Draper field - which remains under review for its combined benefit to the Town for future field expansion, and clean-up the existing contaminated landfill on the property. It's hoped further negotiations will bring us closer to our goal of developing existing playfields *and* the adjacent landfill area at Draper Field to accommodate the Town's critical need for recreational playfields.

➤ **OSP (Open Space Planning Committee)**

http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Parks/osp

In anticipation of the need for financial grant assistance at some point for new playfields, we discovered there would be severe limitations unless the Town updated its Open Space Plan (OSP). To keep this plan in good standing with the State, the Conservation Commission has ownership for updating it every 5 years. Unfortunately that Board was unable to drive this project in 2005; therefore, the Park Dept formed an ad-hoc committee to begin the process – which was last undertaken in 1989. With guidance from the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) and the Massachusetts Watershed Coalition (MWC), updating began in the spring of 2005. As part of the project, we developed and circulated the most thorough and comprehensive OSP survey the Town has had to date. Of approx. 2500 households, 500 (20%), returned surveys. This is an outstanding sampling of residents' wishes and desires with regard to Open Space

preservation and development. A town forum to review these results will be held in November 2005, and the committee will have the plan completed and submitted to the State for approval in early 2006.

- **Field Usage/Maintenance Fees:** Parks received signed, annual agreements from the following organizations in 2005.
 - **School Dept.** \$3000 Maintenance of: Town Park ballfield and tennis courts, Mellen Field (soccer, softball), Parklands (cross country), and Draper Field (field hockey).
 - **Milford/Hopedale Youth Soccer** \$2500 Use of Mellen Field for in-town program only. (3 yr. contract expires 2007)
 - **Hopedale Youth Baseball** \$1200 Use and maintenance of Town Park ballfield. Use of Draper Field
 - **Hopedale Youth Softball** \$900 Use of Mellen softball fields
- **Summer Crafts & Recreation Program:** Another successful program was conducted at the Town Park. Games and crafts were overseen by Amie Colcord, Rachel Newman and Molly Burt. Barry Gorman once again coordinated and ran an expanded tennis program - June through August - with over 80 children and adults participating! The Park Dept. also sponsored two week-long, clinics one for baseball and another for soccer, which were very well attended
- **Winter Skating:** Due to unfavorable skating conditions at Town Pond, the lights were only turned on for a total of 8 days this past season. Our maintenance staff has since trimmed tree limbs around the lights and has re-activated a light on the pond storage garage for use this upcoming season. Residents are reminded that skating on the pond at any time can be dangerous, and doing so is always at their own risk.
- **Park Events:** The Summer Band Concert series sponsored by the Cultural Council in conjunction with the Park Dept., remained a popular Wednesday evening attraction. As always, the annual Bright Beginnings Vehicle Fun Fair and Day in the Park were well attended and very successful.

Futures and 2006 Challenges

- Replace Town Park Flagpole: (carryover project).
- Upgrade and improve electrical service at Town Park Bandstand
- Complete boat ramp upgrade and improve handicap access at Town Pond.
- Install benches at Town Park tennis courts, and additional benches/picnic tables in Parklands
- Reconfigure dugouts at Town Park.
- Consider leasing bath house for kayak/canoe rentals and lessons
- Consider implementing for-fee lottery permits for limited off-street winter parking at bath house
- Complete 2006 Open Space Plan and submit to State for approval.
- Actively support town acceptance/adaptation of the Community Preservation Act.

Issues/Vandalism

- Acts of vandalism were down dramatically in 2005.
 - A yet-unsolved arson attempt at the Town Park comfort station as noted previously.
 - For the second time in three years, spray paint tagging along the Parklands cross-country route was brought to the attention of School officials.
- 2005 saw an increase of private and commercial groups inappropriately utilizing Park facilities

- Gratis use of the Town Park basketball court for the Milford men's summer basketball league was suspended in mid-season due to a lack of insurance coverage and failure by the league, or the Hopedale team entry, to notify the Board or schedule court time with us.
- A field hockey clinic at Draper Field was scheduled and advertised without applying for a usage permit. This activity was denied for this reason, and the fact that the sponsoring group could not provide proof of insurability.
- PMP Sports of Hopedale was called before the Board for scheduling and advertising two, week-long, for-fee, baseball clinics at Draper Field without applying for a usage permit. The company was made aware of Town policy in this regard, and upon receipt of a usage fee proof of insurability, the Board narrowly agreed to grant permission for these activities to be held.

Kudos

The work that our Board and limited staff are able to accomplish each year is facilitated by many individuals and Boards including: Hopedale Highway Dept.; Town Hall office staff; Gene Phillips; Janet Jacaruso; Linda Catanzariti; Barbara Walls; Artie Maggiore; Board of Selectmen; HFD, HPD, Water Dept.; Lenny Izzo; Chet Francis - Varney Bros.; Steve Wallace – CMRPC; Ed Hinman – MWC; Stoney Cook - Virtual Town Hall; Jeff Brown; Rich Breese; Boy Scout Troop1; Dennis Breen; Rich Piergustavo; Joe Small; Dan Molloy; **OSP Committee Members:** Bob Bird, Don Howes, Catherine Pisacane, Bob Hampsch, Bob Hyland, and Curtis Clark; **HARFC Committee Members:** Jim Binney, Dale Stevens, Paul Manning, Mike Bresciani, Ed Burt, Howie Maurer, Bob Bird, Bob Hyland, Bob Hampsch, Mike Rodrigues, and Peter Mitchell. We'd also like to thank the residents of Hopedale for your continued and valued input, support and cooperation.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the August 15, 2005 passing of longtime resident Virginia Cyr. For over 30 years Virginia was the Hopedale reporter for the Milford Daily News. During this time she was an enthusiastic supporter of Park Department programs, and a trusted friend to countless employees, Summer Recreation Directors, and Park Commission boards. Her always-positive demeanor, candor, unique insights into Town politics and activities, and sincere love for the Town will not be forgotten by those of us who had the distinct privilege to know her.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Espanet
Park Commission Treasurer
14, October 2005

Hopedale Personnel Committee Annual Report

The Hopedale Personnel Committee worked diligently to provide the town with a fair and accurate compensation study for all of its town employees. We greatly appreciate the cooperation which we received from the heads of various town departments, particularly Police Chief Costanza and Fire Chief Garland. We also extend our appreciation to our consultant, Don Jacobs of Bennett Yarger and Associates.

The Personnel Committee's goal has always been to ensure that town employees are treated fairly and equitably and that their salaries are competitive. As Hopedale residents, we appreciate the efforts of our town employees and their role in making Hopedale such a pleasant community to reside in. We believe that in order for a town to enjoy continued success there must be an ease of communication and spirit of cooperation between town officials, town employees and all town boards/committees.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their time, effort and energy in putting together the compensation study. We look forward to continuing to work with town officials.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Pisacane
Chairperson

Members:

Meg McElroy
Dennis Madigan
Harry Murphy
John Moore



Planning Board

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Annual Report for FY2005

Our regularly scheduled meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month in the Draper Room, Town Hall. We now have a full Board with the addition of Donna Hayres being appointed in August to fill an existing vacancy. In June, the Planning Board awarded a \$425 scholarship to Hopedale Jr-Sr High graduate, Charles Mattie.

We are presently coordinating efforts with other boards/departments to oversee the final phase of development at Harmony Estates. Since its approval in 1998, more than 160 homes have been built with approximately 3.5 miles of roadways within the subdivision. However, none of the roadways are presently ready for Town acceptance.

We also continue to review the site plans submitted for 24 approved lots in the Plain St. Industrial Park, an industrial zoned area of town, and to monitor its development. Several lots have been sold and built upon with a variety of light industry companies occupying the sites, benefiting our industrial tax base.

The Board submitted 3 articles for inclusion in the Annual and Special Town Meetings. All 3 articles were approved. They are:

1. Lot shape factor, submitted as a Zoning By-law article amending 2.29A, to clarify the lot shape factor language.
2. Section 19 Adult Retirement Community: The Board was approached by a local developer to create an "Over 55" Zoning By-law that would be a town-wide overlay district. The Board held several work meetings and public hearings to gather information and town opinion on the matter and created a new Zoning section devoted to "Over 55" which limited the scope of area to be site specific vs town overlay. There were 3 (three) successful amendment's of wording to the language.
3. Re-zoning of 165 South Main Street to an Adult Retirement Community zone.

Vice Chairman, Harland Griffin declined to run for re-election, having served the Board for the previous 13 years, and Howard Maurer was elected by write-in vote to the Board at the annual town election held May 10, 2005. Reorganization of the Board has Craig Travers as Chairman and Howard Maurer as Vice Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Craig Travers, Chairman
Harland Griffin*
Catherine Pisacane
Carol Whyte
Donna Hayres
Howard Maurer**

* thru May 2005

** from May thru June 2005



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Chief Of Police
Eugene P. Costanza

FISCAL 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of Hopedale, I hereby submit the Hopedale Police Department Annual Town Report.

Once again the overall stats of the police department have increased compared to the stats of F.Y. 2004. Our present manpower has done it's best to handle the influx of calls.

The "911" system must be manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Civilian Public Safety Dispatchers are hired to perform this and numerous other tasks.

During the course of the year, we held several events such as, a Visit with Santa for the children, the Twelfth Annual Hopedale Police and Fireman's Ball, a Children I.D. Program, The Police Association and Police Union sponsored a little league team.

The police department continued its philosophy of Community Policing and maintained the Officer on Bicycle Patrol unit. As a result of the Community Policing Grant offered by the state, we are able to have a Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle available for patrol. The residents have seen the officers on their bikes at various public events such as, band concerts, road races, parades, and at times on routine patrol in the area of the park, park lands, center of town and neighborhoods. This type of policing has given us a better way to interact with the residents and children in town. Once again I received a lot of positive feed back from the residents regarding this program, especially in the area of the town park.

The police department applied for and received two grants during the year. We received one grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$12,000.00 to continue our community-policing program. The second was for \$1,500.00 from the State Police,(ByrneGrant) to assist us in performing drug investigations.

The Federal Grant supporting a police officer to be assigned specifically to the schools expired in January of 2005. However Officer Gagnon will continue to be our School Resource Officer. He will

continue to work hand and hand with school personnel on a daily basis. To date the program has continued to be a huge success.

We continue to loose trained, loyal, and dedicated officers to other towns. Seems soon after we train them they leave here to go to other departments that pay much more than Hopedale. We have lost 13 officers over the past five years due to the low pay scale. We must increase our police officers pay scale to stay competitive with other towns or we will continually be short staffed due to officers leaving.

I want to thank the residents, Town Boards and Departments for their support and assistance. I look forward to working in unison with all parties during my tenure as Chief of Police. I especially want to extend my thanks to the members of the Hopedale Police Department. These men and women are a dedicated, sincere, and a loyal group of individuals whom have shown their support for me and always give 110%.

My intent was, and will always be, to maintain the demeanor of the Hopedale Police Department personnel in order to continue being a people's police department. As Chief of Police, I feel we have achieved this goal, along with maintaining our professional image, and always remembering we are here to protect, to serve, and to interact with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene P. Costanza Jr.
Chief of Police

HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

	2004	2005	INCREASE / DECREASE	
Total Number Of Accidents	74	95	22.11%	
Total Number Of Accidents No Injuries	62	71	12.68%	
Total Number Of Accidents With Injuries	12	24	100.00%	
Total Number Of Accidents Fatalities	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Hazardous Motor Vehicle Arrests (Not O.U.I.)	102	341	70.09%	
Operating Under The Influence Arrests	33	44	33.33%	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	1078	1863	42.14%	
Total Number Of Civil Citations Issued	150	328	54.27%	
Total Number Of Complaint Citations including arrests	37	288	87.15%	
Total Number Of Warning Citations Issued including verbal	794	1049	74.81%	
Total Number Of Parking Citations Issued	261	198		-24.14%
Total Number Of Abandoned Vehicles	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total Number Of Towed Vehicles	162	262	61.73%	
Total Number Of Stolen Vehicles	4	0		-100.00%

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Total Number Of Investigations	9,126	8,267		10.39%
Total Number Of Arrests Felony / Adult	35	141	75.18%	
Total Number Of Arrests Felony / Juvenile	6	24	75.00%	
Total Number Of Arrests Misdemeanor / Adult	52	234	77.78%	
Total Number Of Arrests Misdemeanor / Juvenile	9	12	25.00%	
Total Number Of Arrest Warrants Served	17	78	358.82%	358.82%
Total Number Of Property Checks Made	1,917	1,867		-2.68%
Total Number Of Field Interviews / Adult	407	267		-52.43%
Total Number Of Field Interviews / Juvenile	277	157		76.43%
Total Number Of Recovered Vehicles	2	1		-100.00%
Total Number Of Recovered Bicycles	0	8	100.00%	
Total Number Of Stolen Bicycles	0	2	100.00%	
Total Number Of Summons / 209A Served	107	265	59.62%	
Total Number Of Drug Related Arrests	38	79	51.90%	
Total Number Of Individuals Held In Protective Custody	61	23		-165.22%

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL

Total Number Of Hours School resource Officer	0	180	100.00%	
Total Number Of Hours Spent On Community Service	3,607	3,876	6.94%	
Total Number Of Patrol Hours	22,176	17,467		26.96%
Total Number Of Selective Enforcement Hours	5,239	4,476		-17.05%
Total Number Of Outside Agency Assists	853	466		-83.05%
Total Number Of Training Hours	3,462	3,280		-5.55%
Total Number Of Public Talks	260	160		-62.50%
Total Number Of Court Appearances (Criminal)	372	230		61.74
Total Number Of Court Appearances (Civil)	304	310	1.94%	
Total Number Of Administrative Investigations	5,435	3,487		-55.86%
Total Number Of Calls For Service	38,723	34,723	-11.52%	

Red Shop Committee Annual Report 2005

The Red Shop Committee meets jointly with the Hopedale Historical Commission on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Bancroft Memorial Library at 6:30 p.m. Through their combined efforts, the Red Shop Committee and the Historical Commission have been successful in applying for and receiving grants from the Massachusetts Historical Restoration Fund for \$100,000 and a Massachusetts Highway Department Tourism Grant for \$10,000.

The funding is now in place to restore the Red Shop and facilitate its conversion into a museum.

Daniel and Elaine Malloy, curators of the Red Shop Museum, frequently open the Red Shop on weekends. Their efforts have aroused the curiosity of passersby who, upon entering, have been treated to a tour of the building and a lesson in Hopedale's history. National Park Service rangers also have provided tours of the Red Shop to school children and tour groups.

Additionally, the Red Shop is traditionally opened during the annual Day in the Park, and has welcomed dignitaries for important ceremonies, including special presentations by Senator Richard Moore and Chairman Matthew Amorello of the Mass Highway Department during a grant presentation ceremony.

Today, the Red Shop restoration project is moving forward with the bidding process for an architect and contractor underway. The committee is encouraged that within the next year we will be able to report the successful restoration of the Red Shop. When the Red Shop is restored, the appointed Curators Dan and Elaine Malloy will be tasked with establishing the museum's collections of Hopedale artifacts and photos of Hopedale and the Draper Corporation. Dan and Elaine are already planning ahead by learning about weaving and hope to have some hands-on equipment for visitors to learn more about the process of weaving on looms.

Respectfully submitted,

Merrily Sparling, Chair
Robert Brown
William Gannett



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Janet Jacaruso

June 30, 2005

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

The Board of Registrars of Voters is pleased to submit this annual report of activity. Selectmen reappointed Robert "Zeke" Hammond for a three year term to expire in 2008.

We played an integral part in a full schedule of Town Meetings and Elections in Fiscal Year 2005. Board members coordinated voter check-in and served as tellers at Special Town Meetings held on July 20, 2004, December 14, 2004, and June 21, 2005. We also certified all candidates' nomination papers and citizens' petitions.

The Annual Town Meeting was opened on April 12, 2005. Eighteen (18) of twenty-six (26) articles were moved, seconded and voted on that evening. The remaining eight (8) articles were considered at the continuation of the Meeting on June 21, 2005. The Commonwealth's local aide amounts were not available until after the April meeting, thus the continuation.

By far, the most exciting aspects of the year were the two elections held in the fall of 2004. The September 14 State Primary drew 366 Democrats, 63 Republicans and 1 Libertarian to the polling place. The most competitive race was for the Democrats' Sheriff nominee.

Many hours in September and October were spent preparing for the November 2 statewide election. Three thousand two hundred and eighty one (3,281) voters exercised their right to vote at the Draper Gymnasium during the thirteen hour session. Lines were long in the early morning, but voters had anticipated as much and were patient. The electorate moved through the process in a timely fashion with the longest wait being a reasonable twenty minutes. We would like to thank the voters for their enthusiasm, respect for the process and good humor which made for a rewarding experience for all participants.

Special thanks are extended to the following election workers who performed admirably and professionally at the busiest election in Hopedale's history: Ed Holland, Esther Deletti, Elaine Holland, Peg Butler, Sue Ciaramicoli, Florence Ames, John DePaolo,

Gloria DePaolo, Ellen Murphy, Bridget Pardee, Dot Bentley, Madeline Clement, Mary Grady, Eleanor Ronan, Walter Clement, Gerry Gallo, and Tara Taglianetti-Chambers.

After completing the required Commonwealth reporting, our attention shifted from the Presidential Election to the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

May brought the Annual Town Election which seemed tranquil compared to the flurry of activity associated with November's election.

The 2005 edition of the Annual List of Residents was published and we are happy to report a more accurate list due to a concerted effort in removing residents who are no longer members of our community. The List is continually in a state of change due to the influx and outflow of inhabitants.

In the year ahead we plan to fine-tune the recordkeeping functions of the Registrar's Office and to seek permission, as required by statute, from Secretary of the Commonwealth's Supervisor of Public Records to destroy forms which no longer contain useful information. This is an ongoing process which will free-up portions of Town Hall's limited storage space.

As always, we are happy to receive your comments and suggestions and are pleased to serve you.

Respectfully submitted on the Board's behalf,

Janet Orff Jacaruso
Registrars' Clerk



Board of Road Commissioners

7 Depot Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

Annual Report FY2005

The Board of Road Commissioners meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Highway Department Office located at 7 Depot St. The officers for the year are: John Farrar, Chairman, Donald Fafard, Inspector and William Marquis, Clerk.

This year we did 1385' of roadway reconstruction on Inman St., with 2370' of sidewalk. It is to be noted that in the process we were able to widen the roadway by an additional foot, which will aid in winter vehicle passage. Elm and Beech Streets each had 240' of roadway reconstruction with 240' of sidewalk. And Lower Jones Road had a total of 275' of reconstruction with 515' of sidewalk.

We have continued to do the fall curbside leaf pick-up program along our roadways with 2 leaf pick-up machines this year. It should be recognized that weather is the deciding factor in extending the amount of time devoted to covering the whole town before the onset of winter and the need for equipment change over. The fall was favorable for town coverage while on the other hand the winter was very severe and we were over budget for sand and salt expenses. There was some financial relief from the state regarding the costs for these materials due to the tremendous increase in price and amount needed. The severity of winter strained our manpower, equipment and budget. We were fortunate that no major equipment repair expenses and downtime were incurred.

Framingham Co-op provides the salt bid and construction/road materials and rental equipment continues to be part of the Bellingham/Blackstone/Hopedale Co-op which operates under the direction of the Bellingham DPW.

We acquired a new 2005 International dump truck with an 11' plow and 10' wing plow through town meeting approval of funds. Our staff of 6 employees work attentively to maintain roadways, clear roadside brush, assist the Parks Dept. and do a fine job of Spring clean up regarding winter debris.

Bill Marquis, our Clerk, who has so ably served this Board for 6 years tendered his resignation. Bill's assistance, knowledge and personality will be greatly missed. We wish him and his family good fortune and health in their move from Hopedale.

Our thanks go to the General Office staff for their continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

John Farrar, Chairman
Donald Fafard
William Marquis



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<i>Richard Martin, Chair</i>	<i>Term Expires 2007</i>
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<i>Lori Hampsch</i>	<i>Term Expires 2006</i>
<i>Elizabeth Lerner</i>	<i>Term Expires 2006</i>
<i>Susan Palmer-Howes</i>	<i>Term Expires 2008</i>

One Hundred Nineteenth Commencement of Hopedale High School June 4, 2005

<i>Brittany Katherine Alexander</i>	<i>Paul Anthony Gibler</i>
<i>Eryka Kendyl Alger</i>	<i>Samuel Michael Guidi</i>
<i>Russell Edward Allard</i>	<i>Ashley Gabrielle Hardiman*</i>
<i>Creed John Allen</i>	<i>Stephanie Lynn Jacobsen</i>
<i>Kevin James Allen</i>	<i>Meredith Caitlin Kenton</i>
<i>Anna Marie Andress*</i>	<i>Angela Nicole Kiesman</i>
<i>Christopher Alfred Antolini</i>	<i>Kaitlin Marie King</i>
<i>Louis Joseph Arcudi IV*</i>	<i>Nikolas Keith Ledoux*</i>
<i>Kimberly Suzanne Arkerson</i>	<i>Jessica Joy Leiby*</i>
<i>Kenneth Edward Bakken</i>	<i>Dominique Margaret LeMarbre*</i>
<i>Thomas Joseph Betschart</i>	<i>Charles Richard Mattie</i>
<i>Lindsay May Breese</i>	<i>Sarah Katherine Mulligan</i>
<i>Tyler Keith Bridges</i>	<i>Jamie Michele Newby</i>
<i>Nicholas Collins Brown</i>	<i>Danielle Cynthia Normandin</i>
<i>Angela Marie Burdette</i>	<i>Tyler Andrew O'Connor</i>
<i>Matthew Ryan Butler*</i>	<i>Aynsley Marie Petto</i>
<i>Christine Elizabeth Carroll</i>	<i>Kristina Marie Pontonio</i>
<i>Shayna Lee Chalmers</i>	<i>Michelle Lea Pycko</i>
<i>Paul Anthony Ciaramicoli</i>	<i>Heatha Michelle Recchia</i>
<i>Ryan William Lloyd Cochran</i>	<i>Mitchell Francis Ruscitti</i>
<i>Jason Douglas Cook</i>	<i>Jessica Lynne Salvucci</i>
<i>Amanda Beth Cooley</i>	<i>Marissa Nicole Sampson</i>
<i>Antonio Paul Costa*</i>	<i>Sanne Schuller</i>
<i>Tanana Nicole Decelles</i>	<i>Rebecca Ann Schulman*</i>
<i>Johanna Lee Deletti</i>	<i>Justine Louise Sesona</i>
<i>Heather Lynne Dooley</i>	<i>Stephen Hyun Shin*</i>
<i>Steven James Dorsey</i>	<i>Amanda Jean Simmons</i>
<i>Erin Kathleen Downing</i>	<i>Michael Douglas Tarella</i>
<i>Courtney Ann Edwards</i>	<i>Michael Thomas Underhill</i>

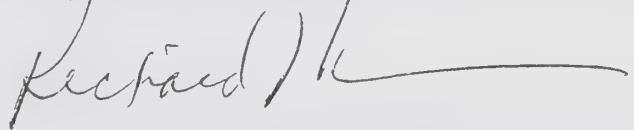
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Crista Marie Fontana
Jenna Marie Germagian*

*Aaron Daniel Vasquez
John Vincent Verdolino
Haile Sela Williams*

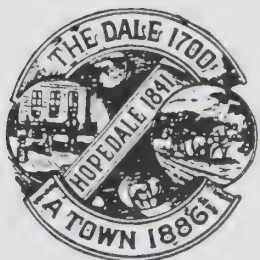
- *National Honor Society*

The Hopedale School Committee hereby approves this and the attached Report of the Superintendent of Schools as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Martin", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

*Richard Martin, Chair
Hopedale School Committee*



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 2004-2005 SCHOOLYEAR

The primary mission of the Hopedale Public Schools is to develop the intellectual potential of each student. We believe that every child can learn successfully. We are committed to developing a range of learning experiences and environments that will ensure this success. We want our young people to be happy and to be well prepared to meet their own needs and the needs of others as responsible members of society.

The advent of a new superintendent gives the school department an opportunity to re-vision itself. In addition to maintaining safe schools and learning environments, we have made strategic decisions to advance our mission and respond to unique challenges during the 2004-2005 school year. Here are the highlights:

INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES

- Peak Intellectual Experiences – Administrators and teacher leaders designed student project work and presentations that will demonstrate student learning in powerful, memorable, and measurable ways. For 2005-06, we expect to introduce three experiences: “Project Citizen” civics project for Grade 8; independent science research project for Grade 9; and a speech contest based in U.S. History topics for Grade 11. Each project will include a public exhibition and formal community feedback.
- Developmental Guidance Program – We created a proactive program of guidance support targeted to students and parents at specific grade levels. This department introduced the following parent training programs: A workshop for 7th/8th grade parents on how to understand and live with an adolescent, and a financial aid/college planning workshop for parents of high school students. Counselors also introduced a Guidance Newsletter highlighting deadlines and opportunities for parents and students. Student programs included an SAT prep program for 11th graders, and a college fair for juniors and seniors. Guidance staff also participated in the redesign of the Independent Learning Program (ILP) to expand students’ individualized learning experiences and begin to define a student internship program for 12th graders. We will be piloting internships during the 2005-06 school year.

- Enhanced Spanish Program – Defining proficiency as a new basic skill for the 21st Century, we hired two teachers from Spain for the 2005-06 academic year and revised our Spanish program at the secondary level to make Spanish a core subject at grade 7.
- Humanities Scholars Program - As a member of the Blackstone Valley Collaborative, Hopedale enrolled students for the first time in a humanities program hosted by four area colleges. The theme for 2004-2005 was “The American Dream.” Students participated in a series of college lectures and discussions based on background reading and presented an end-of-year video project on the theme. Ten Hopedale juniors distinguished themselves both in their participation and their final project.
- Expanded Extra-Curricular Opportunities – In an effort to position our students as outstanding in their application to colleges and universities, we planned some strategic additions to our extra curricular program, specifically a full year track program (implemented in 2005), and plans for Mock Trial and Model UN (for 2005-06).

ORGANIZATIONAL INITIATIVES

In addition to programmatic initiatives for students, we also designed the following organizational initiatives, all of which are designed to build capacity and conserve limited resources:

- Strategic Planning - We projected ahead an updated five-year Strategic Plan and aligned School Improvement and district goals in keeping with this plan.
- Leadership Development – We recognized the need to expand our leadership team so more professionals could see and respond skillfully to Hopedale’s leadership needs and opportunities. To that end, we organized intensive training and invested in a greatly expanded leadership team. Approximately twenty administrators and teachers participated in a 3-day institute in the area of supervision to improve and support instruction. We expect to apply the learning during the 2005-06 school year as we use some of the protocols and processes introduced and practiced during the institute. By building internal capacity, we hope to empower our staff to share responsibility for our collective improvement in all areas of the organization’s functions. This is, ultimately, a cost-effective strategy.

- Attention to web site and electronic communication – Increasingly, parents and teachers are communicating electronically and looking for the most up-to-date information on our website (www.hopedale.k12.ma.us). During 2004-2005 we invested in some “web work” by a webmaster. Weekly information is now posted on this site, which also conveniently links to related sites and an increasing number of personalized teacher web pages. For 2005-2006 we will post all calendar activities electronically, so we can make changes readily and avoid the miscommunication that occurs with obsolete paper documents.
- Articulation of Specific Behaviors That Advance Our Mission – Rather than leave the interpretation of our mission statement open, the Leadership Team worked to identify particular behaviors whose practice could be concretely recognized, modeled, and related to our hope for “happy” and “prepared” students. These behaviors are COURAGE, RESILIENCE, and COMPASSION. During 2004-2005, the Leadership Team introduced this behavioral interpretation, and an explanation of each behavior. We began the process of naming and celebrating these behaviors as people practiced them.
- Town Partnerships - As superintendent, I was pleased to meet regularly with other Town Department Heads, under Gene Phillips’ leadership. Over time, I expect that we will be able to position people and financial resources for more collaborative sharing of needs and assets.

RESPONSE TO FACILITIES ISSUES

The 2004-05 school year included two major facilities problems. An asbestos release at the Bright Beginnings Center in late January required us to close the building and do a carefully prescribed and monitored clean up.

This incident raised awareness about our need to update an outdated Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act Plan for the district. We did this as part of our systemic response, with the help of consultants from International Engineering Group, Inc. (IEG) from Worcester. Cost for the clean-up and consultants was approximately \$140,000. It was paid through School Choice funds.

In May, a faulty valve caused a fuel oil leak at the Memorial School. Because the leak started at the beginning of a weekend, there was considerable spread of the contaminant. Again, we worked with IEG and vendors from Clean Harbors to contain the spill. This also required shutting down the school for two days. The cafeteria remained closed through June.

In both cases, reoccupation of the buildings was contingent on favorable air quality tests and, in the case of the asbestos incident, wipe samples within acceptable federal standards. All town departments worked cooperatively to resolve and contain what could

have been major disasters. We commend and thank Town Coordinator Gene Phillips and all Department Heads for their intelligent partnership and responsiveness.

RETIREMENTS SPUR STRATEGIC RESTRUCTURING – Six teachers retired from key positions last year, leaving a wonderful legacy of dedicated service. They are:

Nancy Collins – Jr. High Spanish

Pam Maloney – Kindergarten

William Rich – Social Studies and Department Head plus

President of the HEA

Alice Scano – Business Education

Adele Stock – English and Department Head

Robert Wood – Social Studies and Dean of Students

In addition, our schools and community grieved the loss of three legendary teachers who were still in service:

Deborah Kita – Grades 1 and 2

Jan Neuding – Family and Consumer Sciences

Deborah Parker – English and Dean of Students

For Hopedale Jr.-Sr. High, the number of people leaving represented a significant change for many departments. Principal Dennis Breen worked diligently with teams of teachers to recruit, interview, and hire an outstanding group of new teachers! We are excited about the opportunity to bring in fresh ideas and fresh perspective on the work we do. He also used the opportunity to rethink his support structure. Instead of replacing the Deans, he instituted a full-time Assistant Principal and a part-time Athletic Director. He also reorganized the delivery of Special Education support services by matching Special Educators as liaisons to specific departments.

At the elementary level, new principal Scotti Finnegan took advantage of changes in personnel to offer students and staff more options. For example, incoming kindergarten parents had their choice of a full day or half day program (for the 2005-06 school year) on a tuition basis. Mrs. Finnegan also changed her Dean of Students' position to an Assistant Principal.

At the district level, our loss of a K-12 Special Education Team Chairperson prompted us to rethink the practicality of this position's huge span. As a result we split the position and gave each school a part-time Team Chairperson assigned only to that school. At the Bright Beginnings Center, we removed the titular oversight of the Memorial School principal and appointed Mrs. Susan Mulready as on-site head Teacher/Administrator.

Finally, the district's loss of a Director of Technology in FY04, plus limited FY05 funds called for a creative but temporary solution while we analyzed the situation and planned a more permanent support structure. Technology Help Desk Coordinator Jeanne McGuane provided coordination to the Technology Team, and Len Garabedian was invaluable in

managing technology network issues and problems. We positioned our budget for FY06 to combine two jobs (Director of Curriculum and Director of Technology) into one. Last spring we hired Tom Plati as our new Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Technology. We also made the position of Technology Manager a full-time job. With this team in place, we are continuing to work on a set of networking and aging equipment problems that have compromised the reliability of our system. This remains a work in progress, and will require ongoing town support.

All of the changes described above are designed to build our internal capacity to better manage and deliver an effective and efficient 21st Century instructional program.

As I complete my first full cycle, I want to thank the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Coordinator, Department Heads, and the Hopedale community for their help and support of our public schools. It is my great privilege to work with a fine group of colleagues, and with them, to serve Hopedale students and their families.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia C. Ruane".

Patricia C. Ruane Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

September, 2005

The past fiscal year was an active year in which Town Counsel rendered numerous legal opinions, approved contracts and guided transactions, met with the Board of Selectmen and various other boards, and handled a number of lawsuits on the Town's behalf.

Town Counsel continues to represent the Town in various ongoing litigation matters in state superior court, land court, state district court and before various administrative boards. I am pleased to report that seven of the Town's litigation matters have been successfully resolved this year, through a number of negotiated settlements in favor of the Town, including withdrawal of two union grievances and two union charges, and dismissal of two contract lawsuits and one personal injury lawsuit. These favorable resolutions have reduced the docket of pending litigation matters involving the Town from fourteen pending matters to seven.

This year we have advised the Town on various leases, land dispositions, zoning by-law amendments regulations and contracts. We have reviewed a lease with an option to purchase agreement for a new DPW truck, drafted a conservation restriction for Charlesview Road and assisted the Town with a contract for public building construction or renovation and an agreement for accountant consulting services. We have drafted various Town Meeting warrant articles requested by the Board of Selectmen. We have reviewed and advised as to proposed zoning by-law amendments and a new zoning bylaw regulating adult retirement communities as well as a proposed surface water protection

regulation. We have provided opinion letters regarding various proposed regulations and bylaws, advised as to procedures for the Town Coordinator search and screening committee and assisted the Town in the negotiation of various collective bargaining agreements.

Town Counsel has continued to take a pro-active approach to controlling costs by providing numerous memoranda on various areas of municipal law at no charge to the community. For example, we have provided guidelines for mutual aid agreements between communities for public health emergency preparedness. We have outlined recent court decisions affecting the permitting of telecommunication towers and liability relating to public snow plowing. We have summarized laws adding protections for persons in the military. We have given advice as to restricting use of local recreation areas to residents and the process for acquiring conservation land by gifts. We have addressed open meeting law exceptions for site visits and laws affecting the use of municipal buildings for religious activities.

As always, we strive to provide timely and concise responses to requests for advisory opinions and have assisted in the review of articles for the Warrants for Town Meetings as well as attending Town Meetings and various board meetings.

We wish to express our thanks to all the people who have dedicated their time to the town government in Hopedale, especially the Board of Selectmen, Town Coordinator, and department heads. Without their assistance and cooperation, our collective objectives could not be attained.

Respectfully submitted,

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

This is my First Annual Report as your Treasurer/Collector and I am very pleased with the continued progress we continue to make to improve our services and overall effectiveness. This office consists of six business units headed by the Treasurer/Town Collector. These include the collector's division, treasury, payroll, benefits administration, parking ticket administration and general office support.

Our responsibilities include initiating temporary and permanent borrowing, investing, managing and disbursing town funds, receiving all revenues of the town, processing the school and town payrolls, and performing other statutory functions required by the state and federal laws. This department is responsible for the billing and collection of all real estate, motor vehicle excise, personal property taxes, sewer and water assessments and billings and all other monies committed to the department for collection. Additionally, the general offices falling under the responsibility of the Treasurer/Town Collector assists other town departments by distributing recycle bins to the taxpayers for the Board of Health, processing all building permits, electrical permits, gas permits and plumbing permits; and distributing and collecting fees for printed materials such as the residents lists, zoning bylaws, town bylaws and other materials.

We've made significant changes in the efficiency of our operation this year. Taxpayers may have noticed that the Treasurer's office has been relocated to a much more accessible location on the first floor in the general offices. Motor vehicle excise tax bills and utilities bills now contain a return envelope which directs payments directly to a bank lockbox. This not only decreases the time to post payments to your accounts but, equally important, it has eliminated the need to seek part time help during cyclical peak periods.

I would like to thank the taxpayers of Hopedale for their continued diligence in paying their taxes and assessments in a timely fashion, to the Board of Selectmen and I feel very privileged to have the assistance of an extremely competent staff. Thank you Donna, Carol and Deb; I sincerely appreciate all of your hard work as well as your continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Walls
Treasurer/Town Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

Fiscal Year 2005

RECEIVABLES BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2004

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Fiscal Year 2005	\$187,406.91
Fiscal Year 2004	\$85,922.91
Fiscal Year 2003	\$6,456.07
Prior Years	\$5,997.73

\$285,783.62

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Fiscal Year 2005	\$1,435.00
Fiscal Year 2004	\$3,454.00
Fiscal Year 2003	\$3,591.00
Prior Years	\$22,616.29

\$31,096.29

TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

\$180,539.82

\$0.00

TAX DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

\$12,643.30

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Fiscal Year 2005	\$51,451.23
Fiscal Year 2004	\$13,659.33
Fiscal Year 2003	\$5,656.96
Prior Years	\$62,823.02

\$133,590.54

TOTAL OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES

\$643,653.57

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS:

Cash in Office	\$250.00	
		<u>\$250.00</u>

INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Boston Safe - Vendor Account	-\$171,699.64	
Unibank - Depository	\$90,634.01	
Unibank - Payroll	-\$16,444.37	
		<u>\$57,529.99</u>

LIQUID INVESTMENTS

Eastern Bank	\$271,448.33	
Boston Safe Deposit MM	\$1,672,852.13	
Century Bank & Trust	\$31,630.33	
Century Bank & Trust	\$48,662.74	
Citizens MM	\$31,786.07	
First Fed MM	\$52,172.27	
First Fed Ebill	\$37,109.21	
Fleet (Performance Bonds)	\$23,811.77	
Fleet MM	\$92,731.90	
Bank North Blended Investments	\$40,625.81	
MMDT	\$123,535.67	
Unibank MM	\$454,872.57	
Unibank (Elementary School MM)	\$12,365.91	
Unibank (High School MM)	\$66,280.19	
		<u>\$2,959,884.90</u>

TERM INVESTMENTS

Fleet (Library Fund)	\$9,093.11	
Paine Webber General Investments	\$675,687.10	
		<u>\$684,780.21</u>

STABILIZATION

Fleet	\$141,514.53	
Paine Webber	\$1,143,234.15	
		<u>\$1,284,748.68</u>

TRUST FUNDS

PAINE WEBBER	\$91,754.13	
		<u>\$91,754.13</u>

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		<u><u>\$4,923,907.92</u></u>
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Debt Statement
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Long Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2004	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding June 30,2005	Interest Paid in FY05
High School	\$12,910,000		\$770,000	\$12,140,000	\$657,190
Memorial School	\$4,475,000		\$470,000	\$4,005,000	\$146,982
Municipal - GOB -Refunding	\$845,000		\$ 45,000.00	\$800,000	\$35,649
Sewer	\$0			\$0	
Water Mains	\$826,821		\$67,874	\$758,947	\$10,138
Total Long Term Debt	\$19,056,821	\$0	\$1,352,874	\$17,703,947	\$849,959

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2004	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding June 30,2005	Interest Paid in FY05
1/15/2000 Ambulance				\$0	
5/31/2002 Sewer Construction Engineering	\$0			\$0	
07/26/2002 Fire Pump Truck		\$38,000		\$38,000	
06/10/2003 Fire Station BAN	\$1,934,000	\$292,650	\$61,000	\$2,165,650	\$38,573
06/10/2003 Water Main Replacements BAN	\$110,000	\$65,000	\$3,000	\$172,000	\$2,194
03/05/2004 Fire Station BAN Renewal				\$0	\$0
03/05/2004 Water Main Replacements BAN Renewal				\$0	\$0
Total Short Term Debt	\$2,044,000	\$395,650	\$64,000	\$2,375,650	\$40,767

Additional Debt Authorized but Unissued	Date of Vote	Article #	Amount Authorized	Issued or Retired	Balance Unissued June 30,2005
Water Main Replacements	4/10/01	5	\$1,400,000	\$1,034,534	\$365,466
Storm Water Management Program	6/22/04	7	\$ 385,000	38000	\$347,000
Fire Station Soil Remediation	7/20/04	1	\$ 117,650	117650	\$0
Fire Station Renovation Over Runs	7/20/04	3	\$ 175,000	175000	\$0
Water Main Replacements for Bancroft Park, Hope, Cemetery Sts	6/21/05	19	\$ 630,000		\$630,000
Fire Station Renovation	12/11/01	4	\$ 1,934,000	1934000	\$0
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt					\$712,466

Let me start out by thanking Lisa Pedroli for all her help during the past year. My appreciation also goes out to our great Highway Department, who do a great job helping me and keeping our streets safe.

In the past year we have taken down another ten dead or potentially dangerous trees. Last summer we finally did pruning throughout the town. This will save some trees and prevent dead branches from falling. I put the Tree Service contract out for bid. I was very happy to get Stumpy's Tree Service hired again till July '06. This past May I was up for Re-Election. This time my opponent was former Tree Warden, David Sawyer. I was again Re-Elected. My thanks to all that voted for me. I hope I will serve my town well.

My plan this term is to start planting new trees to replace those we took down. Again my thanks to all that help me keep our town beautiful and safe.

Sincerely,

Leo Lyons , Tree Warden

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Your local Veterans' Service Officer is committed to assist our needy veterans and dependents, with the same concern and compassion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate had when aid and assistance programs for our veterans were first established in the Commonwealth. Many reforms and changes have been made to improve the delivery of services. Today, with the continued support of the Commonwealth and its legislators, your Veterans' Service Officer is meeting the needs of our former service personnel.

Your Veterans' Service Officer administers many varied entitlement programs and for this reason, your local Department of Veterans' Services is considered a one-stop center. In addition to the duties to aid, assist and advise, as stated in Chapter 115, Massachusetts General Law, your Veterans' Service Officer counsels, files claims, and explores every avenue leading to the resources and revenue available for the veteran. The veteran or dependent of the veteran must be motivated to realize and be aware of his or her own assets. Where rehabilitation may be required, proper attention is given to that need, while treating the veteran or his dependent with dignity and courtesy. Our services to veterans and to their dependents are a record of which we are proud. Your Veterans' Service Officer will continue to meet his responsibility to the taxpayer with diligence, keeping in mind that monies received from other resources will reduce the financial responsibility to the Town.

Major changes in Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115, affecting all veterans within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts include:

1. An increase in Burial Allowance to \$2,000.00.
2. Reimbursement to cities and town, 75% of the cost of flags for flagging veteran's gravesites on Memorial Day.
3. Reimbursement to each city and town, 100% for training programs for Veterans Service Officers.
4. Increase Annuity Payments to \$1500.00 annually, this includes parents of eligible deceased veterans, M.G.L. Chapter 115, sec 6a, 6b, and 6c.
5. Peacetime Veterans now qualify for c115 State Benefits.
6. Compilation of all veterans of all wars.
7. Established veterans web site

My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their understanding of the needs of veterans and for their continued support to insure those Veterans Service Department's justifiable monetary benefits are met. The Department of Veterans' Services and the Town will continue to fulfill the needs of those who served.

The Department of Veterans' Services will continue to provide service to our Veterans and their dependents, being aware of the fact that our services have constantly increased. It is, therefore, necessary to emphasize the quality of services and continue with our best effort to maintain an efficient and economical Veterans Assistance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Mastroianni
Veterans' Service Officer



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Water & Sewer
Commissioners**

**Aldo P Tarca, Chm
James Morin
Robert Bird**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOPEDALE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2005

On Behalf of the Hopedale Water and Sewer Commission I am pleased to submit the following Annual report for the Water and Sewer Departments.

For fiscal year 06 the Water Department continued to upgrade and improve its distribution system, keep pace with current technology and continue its quest for a new source approval. The Commission, with town meeting approval committed to replacing 3500 feet of six-inch water main in the Bancroft Park area initially installed in 1896 with new eight-inch mains. These new mains will improve not only fire flows but enhance water quality considerably. The department also saw the installation of a booster pump station on Moore Road to increase pressures within the area and also allow the department to extend its distribution system to the Overdale Parkway area if need be.

A radio read meter system was purchased by the Water and Sewer departments. This latest technology utilizes a radio frequency sent by the meter to a truck mounted computer eliminating human error and increasing reads per hour. When this upgrade is completed, all accounts will be read within one day compared to the current time frame of five to seven days.

We have also continued with the approval process for our new source. A ten day pump test was performed as required and all draw downs and appropriate data was sent to the Department of Environmental Protection for review. We hope to receive approval in the near future and begin the filtration plant design and cost estimates for Town Meeting approval.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant worked within its budget for FY05 and not only replaced two blowers and motors with high efficiency motors and variable speed drives, but also replaced a major problematic sewer main on Freedom Street. The Cutler St. pump station was upgraded and the installation of a new flow meter was completed. The Commission also reviewed a new set of rules and regulation to be adopted by the department, and maintenance of the collection system has continued to improve with the purchase of a jet truck for line cleaning. Moyno pumps and transmissions were upgraded and repaired and a fiber glass cover was installed on the sludge holding tank to control odors.

In closing I would like to thank the Hopedale Highway Department and Mr. Robert DePonte for his continuing help and support within both the water and sewer departments.

Tim Watson, Manager
Water & Sewer Departments

Last/First Name	YTD True Gross
ALGER, TIMOTHY J.	375.00
GALLAGHER, STEVEN J.	375.00
ESPANET, RICHARD P	600.00
HAYNES, THOMAS M	450.00
ROACH, MARIANNE	100.00
STRAPPONI, COLLEEN M.	100.00
WEAVER, MICHAEL Y	253.75
LERNER, ELIZABETH	1318.75
BURT, EDWARD	50.00
TRAVERS, D CRAIG	900.00
COMASTRA, DONALD D	100.00
GRIFFIN, HARLAND E	700.00
ARCUDI, , LOUIS J. III	625.00
MARTIN, RICHARD W.	1000.00
PISACANE, CATHERINE V.	700.00
MAZZARELLI, ROSS S.	375.00
CARROLL, JAMES F.	150.00
SWEET, JOSEPH C.	33.32
MCELROY, MARGARET M.	500.00
FAFARD, DONALD	700.00
BINNEY, JAMES	500.00
VOLPE, RICHARD L	625.00
HAYRES, DONNA M.	174.99
ALBERTO, LISA M	1600.00
TARCA, ALDO P	500.00
MARQUIS, WILLIAM P	700.00
MORIN, JAMES M	722.00
TONELLI, JUSTINE A.	1181.25
MORO, ROBERT M.	577.50
ANDERSON , HAROLD W.	181.25
FARRER JR, JOHN E	800.00
LARKIN, FRANCIS J	200.00
COLLINS, MICHAEL E	2181.25
RYAN, ALAN J.	2000.00
MILANOSKI, MICHAEL	2318.75
PHILLIPS, EUGENE N.	44335.80
PEDROLI, LISA M	23240.19
WHYTE, CAROL A.	29690.42
GONSALVES, TERESA M.	446.92
WINTERS, CAROL A	28760.20
WALLS, BARBARA J.	12950.21
LAMPHERE, DONNA	33021.27
JACARUSO, JANET O	20578.75
MILANOSKI, DOROTHY C	600.00
HAMMOND, ROBERT A.	500.00
MAILING, DONALD	2088.12
GROSS, VERNON	2827.31
CIARAMICOLI, MICHAEL	2167.36
BIUSO, CHRISTOPHER	185.38
JENKINS, RYAN T.	1975.07
BUKSAR III, ANDREW J.	37.29

MURPHY, HAROLD V	3581.22
MACLEAN, JAMES S	3039.03
BUCCHINO, MARK P	5626.12
LOPEZ, DANIEL	8380.09
TARELLA, MICHAEL D	115.00
GRINDLE, PAUL D.	289.16
O'DONNELL, DAVID W.	1.58
MARCOTTE, MARK A.	1516.83
SOUSA, MARIO P JR.	70.70
MINICIELLI, WAYNE J	50577.40
GAGNON, JOHN P	23167.36
GIOVANELLA, MARK A	84404.60
LIMA, RICARDO C.	2472.80
COSTANZA, EUGENE P	80388.96
MARTIN SR, DONALD J	56872.75
SAKER III, PETER J.	29677.22
MORAN, JOHN H.	26485.58
NELSON, ROBERT J.	23059.20
STODULSKI, STEVEN P.	27211.41
GARDNER, JAMES M	90376.27
CONLON, JOSEPH P.	27946.57
TEBEAU, JOHN A	24565.09
MASON, CHERIE A	34916.47
GLEASON, PAULA A.	14234.40
COLLINS, LISA M	37519.13
MAHAN, STEVEN R	28974.05
DAIGE, THOMAS M JR	68922.98
BARRY, PAUL	49518.04
GARLAND, SCOTT	61898.24
GLEASON JR, RICHARD J	59407.71
MCMORROW, DAVID J	58649.08
FOSBURGH, JR., LESLIE N.	34912.45
DRUGAN, JOSEPH P	2953.00
POIRIER, BRUCE A.	1492.00
CURLEY, JAMES P	2369.94
DUNLAVEY, PHILIP G	1184.00
HOAR, T. MATTHEW	300.00
WALCKNER, JAMES A	300.00
KUTCHER, BRIAN D.	300.00
CHAPMAN, CHRISTOPHER J.	178.88
POKORNICKI, JR., EDWARD W	568.00
FALVEY, DAVID F.	356.25
GRIFFIN, JAMIE A	284.00
VILLANI, DAVID L.	592.00
KLOCZKOWSKI, GUY S.	300.00
KINGKADE, KENNETH W.	300.00
BARTLETT, EUGENE	426.00
GRADY, DENNIS P.	4618.00
MASSEY, BRIAN	854.50
SOUSA, CARLOS A.	284.00
HESTER, CHARLES E	2085.56
EVANS, PATRICK W	53852.26

TUSINO, MICHAEL A	23789.50
ZACCHILLI, JOSEPH P.	450.00
FONTANA, JOHN C	5970.00
SCANZAROLI, JOSEPH F.	4380.00
MAEL, LEON J.	500.00
THOMSON, ROCHELLE C	180.00
BURGESS, MARGARET A	160.00
FERRUCCI, JOHN A.	220.00
LYONS, LEO	1000.00
OZELLA III, VINCENT J	38261.24
LAMBERT, GERALD	41996.52
WATSON, THOMAS E	38073.45
NADEAU, CHRISTOPHER	36898.31
DEPONTE, ROBERT S	53195.02
GAFFNEY, CHARLES F	48993.40
MERCER, DEBRA A	31572.25
DEMEO, VINCENT M.	41764.75
SCHREIBER, JOHN T	47286.65
WATSON, TIMOTHY J	59503.93
DOWDEN, DAVID O	37886.41
IZZO, LEONARD A	33365.96
SALES, ELIZABETH W	622.50
IZZO, MICHAEL A.	6640.51
FILOSA, CHASE W.	2294.50
VENDETTI, LUCIO P.	3661.50
DELETTI, ESTHER P	9744.25
MULLEN, CAROLE K.	25376.01
MASTROIANNI, A J	2598.00
MANCZUROWSKY, WALTER P	4002.01
KRAIMER, ELAINE M	25876.66
FOX, DEVON T.R.	2477.50
WILSON, KARA A.	5199.64
SPARLING, MERRILY C.	14528.73
SARTORI, SARA L.	8233.82
SULLIVAN, WENDY H.	23847.37
RICHARDS, GINA MARIE	2795.00
SPARKS, DAVID B	2496.00
SESONA, MARK G	14296.00
GORMAN, BARRY M.	2184.00
COLCORD, AMIE E	3816.00
SHIMKUS, ALBERT	1020.00
BEST, VICTOR G	15104.72
MANK, RICHARD P	77104.17
COOPER, DONALD L	52357.36
MITCHELL, PETER B	650.00
MORIN, JEFFREY M	43938.60
SABALL, ANDREW J	26507.65
BINKOWSKI, LINDA A.	84.75
PILLSBURY, ANNE PANDORA	6907.13
OHANNESIAN, RONDA	9056.20
HOFFER, BETH I.	29811.41
GOODWIN, CHRISTINE M	29034.90

LOMBARD, STEPHEN J.	11550.00
FREITAS, WILLIAM A.	3358.38
COLLINS, WILLIAM T.	33659.36
BOSSOLT, JOHN L.	11366.64
VALLIERE, SHAWN B	25635.27
EMERICK, SHARON E	40992.71
KEYES, DANIEL M.	70037.74
LAUMEISTER, DENISE T	10409.48
HOPKINSON, ALLAN G.	19526.40
ESPANET, MELISSA M	42219.34
WASNEWSKI, ANDREA M	28892.53
COLANTONI, JEAN L	27869.87
MULLANEY, MICHAEL J.	23342.95
KELLEHER, CHERYL	15943.63
RUANE, PATRICIA C.	54600.22
PERRY, KATHLEEN S.	47002.76
CURTIS, JEAN	11892.61
ARCUDI, LOUIS J.	2339.50
LANE, DEBRA A.	2750.00
PETERS, RALPH W	2705.97
MCGUANE, CRISTEN J.	3965.00
LOCKLIN, TAMI L.	13317.24
TADDEO, DEBORAH ANN	7886.22
GERMAN, STEVEN C.	37255.00
CAMPBELL, NANCY J.	12283.43
SULLIVAN-MCDOUGLE, CAROL	6066.15
PETERS, KAREN	26737.37
FERRELLI II, VINCENT F.	16838.62
CARRIER, JULIE A	15980.07
BUTLER, MARGARET B.	100.00
KIMBALL, JANET	2940.00
GRADY, ALISON M	240.00
SANCHIONI, DAWN M.	75.00
ROZMARIN, LEON	300.00
ROSSI, FRANCES	60.00
BERGER, ALEXANDER M.	60.00
VAUTOUR, TIMOTHY M.	120.00
BEAUDOIN, MARSHA A.	180.00
EGAN, RICHARD J.	5911.50
SMALL, JOSEPH J	2382.00
DEC, THEODORE C	320.00
PANTANO, BETH A	5939.50
ELDREDGE, MANDY J.	42.08
MORIN, JOAN D	332.51
RILEY, TARYN L.	120.00
MILANI, JANE L.	747.50
CALIFANO, CHERYL M	120.00
LECLAIRE, KRISTEN E.	545.00
BETSCHART, MICHAEL D	240.00
IZZI, MAURIZIO	60.00
KLEI, SHERYL A.	420.00
ROZAK, KEVIN F.	4815.00

DORSEY, KRISTEN E.	240.00
SPENCER, MATTHEW R.	780.00
STROM, KATHLEEN E.	180.00
BOYETT, G. DALE	2382.00
BRESCIANI, CYNTHIA L.	151.20
HYLAND, JOANNE P.	397.50
DERDERIAN, CRISANDRA A.	120.00
STANAS, JULIE T.	510.00
KEARSLEY, DEBORAH	2508.90
PHANEUF, ELISABETH E.	1902.00
RICHARDS, JUSTIN L.	750.00
WOOD, JOANNA K.	120.00
LONGO, AMANDA	120.00
DURANT, MARY A.	136.00
KENNEY, PATRICIA	160.00
FINNEGAN, HEIDI W.	60.00
DAVIN, VIRGINIA L	3404.04
NIGRO, JOSEPH P.	60.00
DAIGLE, ROBIN L.	168.30
WORSLEY, KENNETH L., JR.	2382.00
BILODEAU, ANDRE J.	1620.00
DUNN, MICHAEL S.	240.00
ZIEGLER, PAMELA W.	60.00
LAPRESTE, RICHARD A.	120.00
SABATINO, RALPH D.	1740.00
MADDEN, DEBRA B.	1650.00
CHESCHI, ERIN C.	1280.00
MORREALE, JULIE ANN	420.00
CHAN, JASON	300.00
EILAND, LARRAINE M.	390.00
FEELEY, MARK F.	3804.00
GALANTE, MELANI J.	840.00
LETENDRE, CATHERINE E.	210.00
HRECZUCK, SANDRA A.	1080.00
CANDINI, ALYSSA A.	540.00
NUTTER, KAREN J.	105.00
LAQUIDARA, ELIZABETH E.	1320.00
LYALL, ANNA MARIE	50.00
RASMUSSEN, LUKE A.	660.00
BRIDGES, TAMARA A.	180.00
BAVOSI, MICHELLE A.	2185.00
MORAN, MEAGAN E.	450.00
WASNEWSKI, LISA	1215.93
RINEHART, RICHARD J	107.00
GRIDER, CAROLYN E.	450.00
NORRIS, TRACY L.	2628.75
HOWARD, STEPHANIE L.	887.96
ANDREANO, ROBERT J.	1440.00
KEAY, SCOT D.	780.00
BRIERLEY, SHANNA L.	60.00
MOSSMAN, CHERYL	7349.87
ATKINSON, MARIE	8014.27

MURPHY, DANA	3521.10
KEANEY, SHANNON	5882.43
BURKE, CATHERINE M.	6348.09
SPATES, LINDA M.	16708.51
RAPP, LINDSAY MARIE	126.00
THOMPSON, VALERIE M.	362.84
APICELLA, SUSAN	34864.76
LEMON, SANDRA	19024.40
LEWIS, GLORIA	1534.49
MULREADY, SUSAN A	58772.72
GLENN, SALLY ANN	19378.33
BROWN, NICHOLAS C.	927.50
TATTERSALL, ELIZABETH A	2678.06
BIRD, LAURIE M	13327.88
IMBRUNO, ANTHONY B	5900.98
KELLY, MEGAN M.	2806.40
ESPANET, KATHLEEN A.	519.38
CREEKMORE, JOAN C	19727.51
EDWARDS, COURTNEY A.	3579.12
MACEWEN, SHANNON R.	4170.34
MCPHEE, PHYLLIS	8922.81
DELOIA, ASHLEY M	1761.34
DILIS, ERIN E.	1380.75
LAMBERT, KRISTINA A.	994.82
DAVIS, MARY LYNNE	1751.25
DOOLEY, PATRICIA A.	12758.40
BRIDGES, JULIE A.	6835.03
ALGER, MICHAEL	9390.02
MESSIER, LAURA M.	5016.85
CARON, ANDREA L.	4421.06
CAULKINS, LINDA B.	6677.29
MARTIN, KAREN ANNE	34563.88
RANDO, CINDY L.	14525.14
ROSSACCI, KAREN S	17244.50
MARTIN, REBECCA J.	6271.68
LARRABEE, MICHELLE M.	3983.07
KELLEHER, AMY L.	2548.64
COGLIANDRO, KATHLEEN ANN	46909.83
ELLIOTT, KATHRYN N.	10995.57
KLING, REASHA A	37165.33
PAPARAZZO, ANNA M.	9515.00
LOUCKS, JENNIFER L.	42960.32
MILLER, SUSAN J.	8837.35
COLLETTE, COLEEN	61134.84
LEWIS, RONALD	54808.61
MCGRATH, DONNA	64934.99
MOORADIAN, MARILYN	53267.58
PHILLIPS, LINDA J	61124.50
STARE, JOSEPHINE	11611.48
WODIN, LAURIE S	49615.30
PACHECO, LORI	68790.15
CORMIER, CHERYL	59505.24

VERDOLINO, NANCY KELLY	60982.76
DELUCA, JANET	61177.10
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